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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship SATTARA, 1,237 Tons, 250 H.P., Commander J. J. Ballantine, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 4th May 1872, at 4 P.M.

May 1872.		May 1872.
Leave BOMBAY	4	Leave Tuticorin 12
,, Mangalore	5	,, Colombo 13
,, Cannanore	6	,, Galle 14
,, Carwar	7	,, Negapatam 17
,, Mangalore	8	,, Madras 19
,, Cannanore	9	,, Coconada 21
,, Tellicherry	10	,, Vizagapatam 22
,, Calicut	11	,, Bimlipatam 22
,, Beypore	12	,, Gopalpore 23
,, Cochin	13	,, False Point 24
,, Alleppy	14	Arrive CALCUTTA 26

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherrie District, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut or Beypore and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussora, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, MAHOMERAH, and BUSSORAH.

The Steam-ship ETHIPA, 1,132 Tons, 200 H. P., Commander T. Sanders, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 26th April 1872, at noon.

April 1872.		May 1872.
Leave BOMBAY	26	Leave BUSSORAH 15
Arrive Kurrachee	29	Arrive Fao 17
	May 1872	,, Bushire 17
,, Guadur	1	,, Linga 20
,, Muscat	3	,, Bunder Abbas 21
,, Bunder Abbas	5	,, Muscat 23
,, Linga	7	,, Guadur 25
,, Bushire	9	Leave Kurrachee 27
,, Fao	11	Arrive BOMBAY 31
Arrive BUSSORAH	12	

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY from January 26th, at noon.

The Steam-ship KURRACHEE, 840 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander J. Gavin, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 3rd May, 1872, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

"WILSON LINE."

LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

OTHELLO, 20TH MAY.

THIS Magnificent New Steamer, A 1 18 Years, 2,500 Tons Register, 2,0 0-Horse Power Effective, built expressly fo the Indian Trade, will leave Bombay about the 2 th May. The OTHELLO h s a splendid Cabin accommodation amidships, and a spacious and airy saloon, 40 by 20 feet on the Upper Deck, with an overhanging Deck-house, to secure protection from the sun. Everything has been done in the building of this steamer for the comfort and health of Passengers. She is well ventilated, has a separate Sitting Saloon for Ladies, with adjacent Sleeping Cabins, Bath Rooms, Smoking House, Piano, &c.

First Class	Rs. 580
Second Class	,, 300

Early application for Passage should be made to

GRINDLAY, GROOM, & Co.

N.B.—The following Steamers of the WILSON LINE will also have despatch about the dates named :—

PALERMO ..... About 26th April.
WALAMO ..... ,, 20th May.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY.

(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

The regular Steamers leave

GENOA and BOMBAY on the 24th, and on the 1st of each month.

PASSENGER RATES.

Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
To Aden	£22	£15	£4	Including Wines. Without Ford.
Suez	36	22	8	
Port Said	34	20	8	
Alexandria	39	25	9-10	
Messina	50	34	14	
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles (transhipment at Genoa)	53	35	14-10	

Children under 3 years, free of charge.
Children not above 10 years, half fare.
Next Steamers from Bombay :—

PERSIA, on WEDNESDAY, 1st May 1872.
INDIA, on SATURDAY, 1st June 1872.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For Hand-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to

VOLKART BROTHERS,
Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.
Bombay, 30th September 1871.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company intends to despatch every month a Steamer from TRIESTE to BOMBAY and *vice versa*.

The next Steamers from Bombay will be the ARETUSA, 1,280 Tons, about 10TH MAY, and the SPHINX, 1,400 Tons, about 10TH JUNE. These Steamers have only limited accommodation for a small number of Passengers.

PASSENGER RATES FROM BOMBAY PER ARETUSA, SPHINX AND ARPI.

	Cabin.	Deck with Food.
To Trieste	£60	£19- 0
To Port Said	£30	£16- 6
To Suez	£28	£13- 7

Children under 3 years of age, Free ; above 3 and under 10 years, Half Fare.

The rates for Cabin Passengers include food and table wine, transit through Egypt, fees and free conveyance of 3 cwt. luggage. For Baggage in excess 64 per Ton is charged.

Cargo taken for Trieste, also on Commission, Constantinople, and Odessa, Aden, Egypt, England and the Continent generally.

THERE is also a weekly service of MAIL STEAMERS between Alexandria and Trieste, and vice versa, in conjunction with the P. & O. Co.'s Mail Steamers to and from Suez. The Austrian Lloyd's Mail Steamers leave Alexandria direct for Trieste immediately after the arrival of the Bombay and Calcutta mails from Suez. The distance between Alexandria and Trieste is 200 miles shorter than that between Alexandria and Marseilles, and the voyage to Trieste is much more agreeable, it being a coasting trip full of variety of beautiful scenery from the Island of Candia to the Port of Trieste. The passage occupies only 4½ to 5 days, and the Company's fast Steamers are employed on this Line, which are built expressly for this service, with special regard to the accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have each an experienced Surgeon on board. At Trieste the traveller for England has an extensive choice of picturesque and interesting routes, occupying from three days six hours to five days to London, at an expense varying from £7 to £18.

Passengers by the P. & O. Co.'s steamers to Suez can have their baggage forwarded by that Company's steamers from Alexandria to Southampton, at a charge of 10s. per cwt., for the regulated allowance of 3 cwt., and of 20s. per cwt. for excess weight (both exclusive of transit through Egypt), to which the Austrian Lloyd's Agent at Suez will attend.

The usual grants also Passage Tickets for the steamers plying between Alexandria and Trieste, and for the Railway between Suez and Alexandria.

PASSENGER RATES FROM ALEXANDRIA TO TRIESTE.

First Class ..... £13 | Second Class £9

Children under 10 years at Half Fare ; under 2 years, Free.

REDUCED FARES FOR FAMILIES, consisting of not less than 3 adult members travelling together :—First Class, £10-16 per head ; Second Class, £7-10 per head.

Personal Baggage allowed. Free : 1st Class 200 lbs., 2nd Class 150 lbs., overweight 10s. per 100 lbs.

Railway Tickets, from SUEZ to ALEXANDRIA, with all the privileges of Passengers by the P. & O. Co.—First Class, £3 ; Second Class, £2. Children over 3 and under 10 years at Half Fare. Free Baggage—1st Class 3 cwt., 2nd Class 200 lbs., overweight 7s. per cwt.

For further particulars, and for Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company.

A. C. GUMPERT, Manager.

Bombay, 12, Meadow Street, 15th April 1872.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Monday, the 29th April, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. MALTA, (1,942 Tons and 800 H.P.) Captain G. S. Bagges, will LEAVE for SUEZ as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Brindisi, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Messina, Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Trieste, Venice, Ottawa, Constantinople, Ancona, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool, London and New York.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon before 10 A.M. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Monday, the 6th May, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

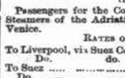
THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. ELLORA, (1,727 tons and 300 H.P.), Captain W. B. Hall, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before noon, on Saturday, the 4th May.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL.

S.S. NEERA.



THE Steam-ship NEERA, 2,200 Tons, 300 Horse Power, C. C. Gomes, Commander, will sail for LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL, on or about the 29th May.

Passengers for the Continent will proceed from Egypt by the Steamers of the Adriatico Orientale Company to Brindisi and Venice.

Rates of Fare for Passengers.

To Liverpool, via Suez Canal	1st Class	Rs. 500
Do. do.	2nd ,,	,, 350
To Suez	1st ,,	,, 350
Do. do.	2nd ,,	,, 225
To Ver ice, including Railway Fare through Egypt	1st ,,	,, 505
Do. do. do.	2nd ,,	,, 335
To Paris	1st ,,	,, 551
Do.	2nd ,,	,, 380

Exclusive of Wines.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

Rampart Row, 15th April 1872.

ADRIATICO ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are authorized to issue THROUGH TICKETS from SUEZ to PARIS, by Steamers of the above Company, from Alexandria to Brindisi, at rates per Rail via the Mont Cenis Tunnel to Paris,—making the total cost to Paris

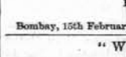
Per P. & O. Steamer.		Per Canal Steamer.	
To SUEZ	Rs. 500	To SUEZ	Rs. 350
EGYPTIAN TRANSIT ...	30	EGYPTIAN TRANSIT ...	50
ALEXANDRIA to PARIS.	170	ALEXANDRIA to PARIS.	170
	Rs. 700		Rs. 550

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

Bombay, 15th February 1872.

"WILSON" LINE.

LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.



THE new S.S. PALERMO, 1,230 Tons Register, will have despatch on the 27th April, and has accommodation for a few First-class Passengers to Liverpool. She carries a Surgeon.

First Class ..... Rs. 500.

Apply to

GRINDLAY, GROOM, & Co.

LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

FIRST CLASS FARE ..... Rs. 450
SECOND CLASS FARE ..... ,, 300

THE steamer PETERSBURG, 1,609 Tons, A. Blair, Commander, will sail HENCE for LIVERPOOL about May 3rd, 1872, and has excellent accommodation for Passengers.

For Passages only, apply to the Undersigned, who will supply all information.

Plans of the Cabins can be seen in our Office.

JOHNSON & Co., Ship Brokers.

Nesbit Lane, Fort, Bombay.

The Steamer LEITH, 1,780 Tons, will follow about the 20th May.

LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

S.S. BELLONA, 1,913 Tons, 300 H.P.

(To leave on 10th May).

THIS well-known and favourite Steamer (which passed the Canal inward on 7th inst.) will be DESPATCHED to LIVERPOOL on the above date. She has excellent and well ventilated accommodation for a large number of First-class Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Company money Rs. 400, exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which, however, are obtainable on board. Further particulars can be obtained from Messrs. JOHNSON & Co ; Ship Brokers, or from

WALLACE & Co., Agents.

Bomb y, 15th April 1872.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH RUSSIA, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE RUSSIAN STEAM NAVIGATION, TRADING, and ODESSA RAILWAY COMPANY have established a REGULAR SERVICE between ODESSA and BOMBAY.

In accordance with the above Notice, the Steam-ship NACHIMOFF, 900-Horse Power, 2,310 bous, Captain Fomitchoff, has left Odes a for Bombay, on the 23rd ultimo, and is expected here about the 25th instant. The Nachimoff will have quick despatch.

Cargo taken for Odessa, Constantinople, Aden, all Continental Ports in general, London and Liverpool.

Shippers to Russia are informed that from the 27th February 1871 a direct Goods Service by Rail has been established between Odessa, Moscow, and St. Petersburgh at reduced rates.

For Freight and Pass ge apply to

H. BOMANJEE, TOUCHE, & Co.,

Agents, Russian Steam Nav., Trading, and Odessa Ry Co.

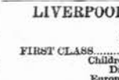
Bombay, 18th April 1872.

LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

FARES:

FIRST CLASS	£45
Children under 10—Half Fare	
Ditto 3—Free	
European Nurses	£25.
Ayahs	£15.

Exclusive of Wines, Beer, &c., but including Cabin Furniture, Bedding, Linen, Towels, &c.



MESSRS. HUGHES and NEPHEW'S Steamers will sail from Bombay as under :—

April 30th, "EUROPEAN," 2,600 Tons, 450 H.P., Abrams, Commander.

May 10th, " BELLONA," 1,900 Tons, 300 H.P., Powers.

These magnificent Full-powered Steamers are splendidly fitted up with spacious Saloon, roomy Cabins, and every comfort. Each Steamer will carry a Surgeon and Stewardess.

For Passages only, apply to the Undersigned, who will supply all information.

JOHNSON & Co., Ship-Brokers.

Nesbit Lane, Fort, Bombay.

Note.—*For the convenience of intending Passengers residing Up-country, heavy baggage may be sent to us, and will be shipped FREE.*

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Ship DOXFORD, arrived from Liverpool, are requested to send in DELIVERY ORDERS for signature, accompanied with BILLS of LADING, and LAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS from the Bunders.

OWEN & OKELL, Agent's ship Doxford.

HOMEWARD PASSENGERS VIA BOMBAY.

PASSAGES to SUEZ and EUROPE engaged and BAGGAGE Received and Shipped.

PAY and FUND ALLOWANCES realised.

CIRCULAR NOTES issued payable in EGYPT and throughout EUROPE.

BANK of ENGLAND NOTES, SOVEREIGNS, and NAPOLEONS supplied.

BILLS GRANTED on Messrs. GRINDLAY AND CO., LONDON, at the EXCHANGE of the DAY.

APPROVED DRAFTS on CALCUTTA and MADRAS, on demand, and GOVERNMENT CURRENCY NOTES of any Circle of Payment received at par.

GRINDLAY, GROOM, AND CO.,

BOMBAY.

Correspondents.

GRINDLAY & Co., London. GRINDLAY & Co., Calcutta.

BULL'S PATENT HAND DREDGER for SINKING WELLS through SAND in any position and to any depth. This Machine is guaranteed to do double the work at half the cost of any Sand Pump. For periodically cleaning out old Wells, which have become foul or silted up, it is particularly adapted to.

Price of each Machine, complete, Rs. 100 (One Hundred). Forwarded to the nearest Railway Station in direct communication with Lucknow.

Orders to be addressed to

BABOO SHAMA CHURN MOOKERJEE,
Agent for Bull's Patent Hand Dredger, Lucknow.

TIME-PIECES.

"OEIL-DE-BŒUF,"
HANGING EXCELLENT TIME-KEEPERS.
PATENT LEVER.
EIGHT DAY.

"SKELETON,"
WITH GLASS DOME AND STAND.
EIGHT DAY.

"MARINE,"
VERY SERVICEABLE

CLOCKS AND TIME-PIECES
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION TO BE HAD AT
FAVRE, LEUBA, & Co.'s,
Elphinstone Circle.

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY.
No. 4, FORBES STREET.

WEEKLY SALE.

TO-MORROW SATURDAY, the 27th instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a large quantity of Grey and Coloured Piece Goods, &c., &c.

On account of the concerned :—

4 Cases Rosein Magenta Colour, each containing 100 lbs.
1 ditto ditto ditto ditto 50 lbs.

AT 1 P.M.

A handsome Park Phaeton with a set of double Harness.
A ditto Grey Arab Horse.
A ditto Roan Australian Mare, 14-2, 8 years old, quite sound, and a very hardworking animal.

AUCTION SALE of Dead Stock and Necessaries belonging to Lock Hospital and Medical Inspection Offices Victoria Road.

TO-MORROW SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will under instructions, sell by Public Auction, at the abovementioned place, a good number of Dead Stock and Necessaries belonging to the Lock Hospital and Medical Inspection, Offices, such as, Belts, Bed-chairs, Books, Brass Dealwood, Plate, Brass, Buckets, Zinc, Pots, Copper, Inkstands, Letter Clips, measures of glass, Pestle and Mortar, Iron, Penknives, Quilts, Sarries, Scales complete with weights, sheets, Table Cloth, Towels, &c., &c.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE BRILLIANT DIAMONDS.

TO-MORROW SATURDAY, the 27th inst., at 2 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a pair containing five Brilliant Diamonds, as follows :

12	Brilliants, weighing	20 5-16	Carats.
5	ditto ditto	10⅝	ditto
2	ditto ditto	4 31-16	ditto
1	ditto ditto	3 3-32	ditto
1	ditto ditto	4 1-16	ditto
6	ditto ditto	1¼	ditto

AUCTION SALE of Valuable and Handsome Household Furniture, Plated, Glass, and Porcelainware, a first-class Piano, Carriages, Horses, &c., at Malabar Hill.

On MONDAY, the 29th instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, at the abovementioned place, the valuable and handsome Household Furniture, Piano, Carriages, Horses, &c., the property of C. Benn, Esq., the same comprises a handsome set of rich cut engraved glassware, handsome dinner, breakfast, and dessert services, best plated ware, such as a set of dish covers, consisting of 4 hotwater curry dishes, cruet, pickle, and egg stands, epergne, tea set, butter pot, a mahogany case, consisting of a set of best electroplated lily pattern spoons and forks, a do, dessert knives and forks for 12 persons, cutlery, &c., handsomely carved blackwood furniture, such as round dining table for 10 persons, side boards, dining-room chairs, dumb waiter, screens, handsomely carved circular, pier, sofa and card tables, easy and drawing-room chairs con-cersat on sofas, centre ottoman, lady's writing table, Brussels carpet, flower stand, teapoys, horse-hatestands, English iron cot-bead, dressing and washing tables, toilet glasses, cloth and gown pegs, light bedroom chairs, towel horses, dispense articles, &c.

Catalogues are published, and the property is now on view.

AUCTION SALE of Grain and Cotton Sweepings, at G. I. P. Railway Station, Borce Bunder.

On TUESDAY, the 30th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the abovementioned place, the following—

136 Bags Grain Sweepings.
74 Loorahs Cotton do.

By direction of Rahma and Noam, daughters of Yacoob Seema Nessim, deceased, who by decree of the Supreme Court of Judicature at Bombay in Suit No. 414 of 1867, wherein the said Rahma was plaintiff and Elias Joshua Abadia, and others Executors of the late Yacoob Seema Nessim, deceased, were defendants, were declared beneficially entitled as the sole surviving heirs of the said Yacoob Seema Nessim, deceased, to the immoveable estate situate in Bombay, left by the said Yacoob Seema Nessim, deceased, (which estate *inter alia* comprised the following immoveable properties) Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the respective premises on the several days hereinbelow specified, the IMMOVEABLE PROPERTIES hereafter described in nine several lots, that is to say, on THURSDAY, the 2nd day of May next, will be sold Lots Nos. 3 and 4 ; on WEDNESDAY, the 8th May, Lot No. 5 ; on THURSDAY, the 9th May, Lots Nos. 6 and 7 ; on TUESDAY, the 14th May, Lot No. 8 ; on THURSDAY, the 16th May, Lot No. 9 ; on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd May, Lots Nos. 1 and 2. The Auction Sale will take place at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of each day as above specified.

PARTICULARS.

Lot No. 1.

All that piece or parcel of ground, with the messuage or tenement thereon, situate in Tamarind Lane, in the sub-district of Fort and Colaba, in the city of Bombay, bearing assessment No. 6, the ground thereof measuring about four hundred square yards and six-tenths of another square yard, and bounded on the east side by another property of the said R. N., and forming Lot No. 2, and the west side partly by a passage and partly the Bombay Fort Press Company's buildings, and on the north side by the Bombay Fort Press Company's buildings, and on and towards the south side by the said Tamarind Lane, and which said premises were formerly and are now in the occupation of Messrs. Lawrence and Co.

Lot No. 2.

All that piece or parcel of ground, with the messuage or tenement thereon, situate in Tamarind Lane, in the sub-district of Fort and Colaba, in the city of Bombay, bearing the assessment No. 6, the ground thereof measuring about two hundred and seventy-eight square yards and six-ninths of another square yard, and bounded on or towards the east side by the property of Framjee Nusserwanjee Patell, on and towards the west side by another property of the said Rahma and Noam, forming Lot No. 1, on or towards the north side by the Bombay Fort Press Company's buildings, and on or towards the south side by the said Tamarind Lane, and which said premises were formerly in the occupation of the late Dyajeee Rormurjee Cama and are now in the occupation of Messrs. Eduljee and Comandee and others.

Lot No. 3.

All that piece or parcel of ground, with the messuage or tenement thereon, situate in Apollo Street, in the sub-district of Fort and Colaba, in the city of Bombay, bearing the assessment No. 27, the ground thereof measuring about two hundred and fifty-seven square yards and two-ninths of another square yard and two-ninths of another square yard and bounded on or towards the east side by a sweeper's passage and the property of Cursetjee Cowasjee Ashburner, on or towards the west side by the said Apollo street, on or towards the north side by another property of the said Rahma and Noam, forming Lot No. 4, and on or towards the south side by the property of Sorabjee and Nanabhoy Eamjee, and which said premises were formerly in the occupation of Dinshaw Eduljee Lauma and now unoccupied.

Lot No 5.

All that piece or parcel of ground, with the messuage or tenement thereon, situate in Mill ary Square, in the sub-district of Fort and Colaba, in the city of Bombay, bearing assessment Nos. 3 and 5, the ground thereof measuring about two hundred sixty-three square yards and six-tenths of another square yard, and bounded on the east side by the property of Solomon Ezekiel and Silas Sassoon, on the west side by the Rutherfield Street, on and towards the north side by the Military Square, and on and towards the south side by another property of the said Rahma and Noam, forming Lot No. 6, and which said premises were formerly and are now in the occupation of Rahma and Issack Dawood.

Lot No. 6.

All that piece or parcel of ground, with the messuage or tenement thereon, situate in Rope Walk Lane, in the sub-district of Fort and Colaba, in the city of Bombay, bearing the assessment No. 2, the ground thereof measuring about three hundred and eighteen square yards and eight-ninths of another square yard, and bounded on the east side partly by another property of the said Rahma and Noam forming Lot No. 3, on the west side by the said Rope Walk Lane, on the north side by the property of Dadabhoy Cowasjee and Sons, and on the south side by the property of Colonel Keating, and which said premises were formerly in the occupation of Mr. Khanderow Morojee and others.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs., BENNETT & Co., the Auctioneers, or the Undersigned.

C. TYABJEE,
Vendor's Solicitor.
BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 26th April 1872.

TUDOR COMPANY'S ICE HOUSE,
REAR OF No. 4, APOLLO STREET, FORT.

VIRGINIA HONEY DEW TOBACCO.

This is the same quality of Tobacco which Tudor Company has imported for the past twenty years, and which has given universal satisfaction.

Indents from H. M.'s Troops promptly attended to.

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Easily regulated to cut any Tobacco into any size wanted, from the thickness of a sheet of paper to 4 inches.

KEROSINE OIL, OF THE BEST QUALITY.

PORCELAIN-LINED ICE PITCHERS.

Heavily plated on white metal and elegantly chased, entirely free from anything poisonous or injurious, and sharp strokes with pieces of ice will make no impression upon them. No household in India is complete without one.

AMERICAN ASH OARS, from 12 to 16 FEET LONG.

The above articles WHOLESALE or RETAIL.

KINLOCH'S CHAMPAGNE.

This fine Brand again available ex DOVERCOURT

Quarts	per Dozen ...	Rs. 32
Pints	,, ...	,, 17

SOLE AGENTS,
D. S. KEMP & Co.

BY ROYAL COMMAND.
JOSEPH GILLOTT'S
CELEBRATED
STEEL PENS.
Sold by all Dealers throughout the World.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GRANT ROAD THEATRE.

MONDAY, 29TH APRIL.

MR. AND MRS. BENNEE,
IN THEIR ENTERTAINMENT.

BOX AND PLAN AT Messrs. SOUNDY & Co.

Dress Circle	Rs. 4	Gallery	Rs. 2
Stalls	3	Pit	1

Doors open at 8-30 ; Performance commencing at 9 P.M.

YACHT CLUB.—NOTICE.—A comfortable Steamer will be in readiness off the Apollo Bunder on THIS and SATURDAY EVENING, at 5-30 P.M., to convey MEMBERS of the YACHT CLUB and their FRIENDS on a trip round the Harbour and to visit the *Flying Squadron*.

JAMES BREBNER,
Joint Honorary Secretary.

26th April 1872.

NOTICE.—The BUSINESS carried on in Bombay by the Undersigned, under the name, style, and firm of "E. M. SETNA & Co." is CLOSED from THIS DATE. All Communications him should in future, and until further Notice, be addressed to the care of Messrs. Forbes, Forbes & Co., London.

N.B.—Important letters, &c., must be registered.

EDULJEE MANOCKJEE SETNA.

Bombay, 25th April 1872.

NOTICE.—WANTED, PROBATIONERS for the BOMBAY PILOTAGE SERVICE. Salary Rs. 80 per month. Applications with testimonials should be forwarded to the Master Attendant. No application will be entertained from persons holding a lower Certificate than that of First Mate.

By Order,
HENRY MORLAND, Lieut. late I. N.,
Secretary.
Harbour and Pilotage Board, Bombay, 25th April 1872.

REAL TURKEY TOBACCO,
for Cigarettes ;
IMPORTED OVERLAND IN TINS AT
Cash, Rs. 1-8 ; Credit, Rs. 1-12.

TREACHER & Co. (Limited).

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

ROWLAND & Co. beg to announce to their Customers and the Public in general that they have received per S.S. LORNE and PETERSBURG a new and fresh stock of SADDLERY and HARNESS, consisting of Hunting, Training, Racing, Boys' and Side Saddles ; Pelham, Weymouth and Snaffle Bridles ; Griffith's Patent Bridles ; Gig and Carriage Harness ; Riding and Driving Whips ; Fancy Walking Sticks ; Cricketing Kits ; Patent Horse Clippers ; Hunting and Racing Spurs ; Dress and Regimental Box Spurs ; Leather Dog Leads ; Ladies' Trunks and Solid Leather Portmanteaux ; Louise Lorne Carriage or Railway Rugs ; Horse Combs, Shoe, Water, Spoke and Dandy Brushes ; Clark's Harness Composition, Blacking, Saddle and Bridle Stain and Polish, and Hopleumorna ; assortment of Superior Carriage Lamps ; Ladies' and Gent's Boots and Shoes, &c., &c.

CHARGES VERY MODERATE.

TRAVELLING BAGS,
Trunks, and Portmanteaux :
of the best London manufacture.

Courier Bags ;

Of Canvas, bound with leather, and of Calf or Morocco leathers ; with covered frames, double action locks, outside patch pockets, with Spring fastenings and strong straps, Buckles, Swivels, and Rings ; at each

Rs. 4-8, 5, 5-8, 6, 6-8, 7, 7-8, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 18.

Ladies' Hand Bags,

Of Morocco, lined with roan, and same finish as last ; at each

Rs. 4-8, 5, 5-8, 6, 6-8, 7, 7-8, 8, 9, 10, 10-8 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20.

Overland Hand Bags,

to open square ;

Of same materials and finish as last, at each.

Rs. 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22-8, 25, 28, 30, 33, 36, and 40.

Sealskin Bags ;

Of the "Princess Alice" (waist band) and ordinary hand patterns ; finished with ormolu frames and watered silk linings.

Charming Presents ; at, each

Rs. 20, 22-8, 25, 27, 28, 30, 34, 33, 36, and 40.

Despatch & Dressing Bags ;

Of Morocco or Russia, completely and handsomely fitted for

Ladies or Gentlemen,

at, each

Rs. 80, 99, 100, 112, 120, 125, 135, 140, 170, 180, 193, and 200.

The Gladstone Bag,
or
Expanding Portmanteau,

Of real Cowhide ; a most convenient and handsome companion for Travellers : at, each

Rs. 25, 28, 30, 3 , 33, 36, and 40.

Bullock Trunks ; Money Bags ;
Carpet Bags ; Overland Trunks ;
Linen Bags ; Railway Trunks ;
Pocket Books ; Purses and
Travellers' Requisites

TREACHER & Co. (Limited).

HOTELS.

ALEXANDRA HOTEL, MATHERAN.—Mr. J. C. PINTO, the Proprietor, begs to inform the Public that the above Hotel, so well known for its excellent accommodation, is now OPEN for VISITORS. There are three separate Bungalows attached to the Hotel, well adapted for Families. Superior articles are supplied at moderate Prices, and every care is taken for the comfort of the Visitors. The Hotel is well situated, in a breezy locality, under the shade of large trees, which diminish the glare and keep the extensive compound always fresh and cool. Mr. Pinto has also some Houses to Let, and undertakes to look after Bungalows on the Hill at a charge of Rs. 30 per annum.

HOPE HALL HOTEL, MATHERAN.—Mr. P. MENDOSA, the Proprietor of the Hope Hall Hotel, begs to announce to the Ladies and Gentlemen, that he has RE-OPENED the Hotel, which is so well known for its excellent accommodation.

Superior articles are always supplied at moderate rates, and great care is taken for the comfort of the Visitors.

The terms of the Charges are reduced.

Middle Cross Road, Louisa and Alexandra Points.

BYCULLA HOTEL,
(BY JEEWANJEE & Co.,)

JUNCTION OF BELLASIS AND CLARE ROADS, BYCULLA.

BYCULLA HOTEL, which is within a few minutes' walk of the Byculla and Grant Road Railway Stations, is acknowledged to be the best in Bombay. Having been built expressly for such an Establishment, the building possesses advantages over Bungalow Hotels, special care having been taken in the arrangements of the Rooms, which are large and lofty, to secure the best ventilation, and thus to keep the whole Hotel cool. The furnishings and fittings have been selected with a special view to affording the greatest comfort to Residents and Visitors, and ample accommodation has been provided for Families. The Table is supplied in a manner unsurpassed in Bombay, and care is taken that the Wines and other Liquors are of the first quality.

Adjoining the large Dining Saloon are a Library and six fine Billiard Tables.

Hot and Cold Baths always ready.

Extensive Garden.

Visitors arriving by train should book for

BYCULLA STATION,

and NOT for Bores Bunder,

JEEWANJEE & Co.

Argand and Argyle
TABLE LAMPS ;
with
bronzed, or richly cut-glass, pedestals ;

a handsome selection just landed, at each

Rs. 18, 20, 22-8, 24, 25, 27, 30, 34, 36, 38, 40, 45, 48, 59,

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

INQUIRY for Bank of Bombay, 1st issue, and Mazagon shares. Spinning shares lower.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nomi. value ₹ ch.	Paid up.	Last divi-dend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	4 p.ct.	Agra Bank	89
22,000	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,4 0 ad.
10,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Bombay New	742½
30,000	500	100	5 p.ct.	Do 2nd Res. Issue	222½
15,250	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,300
10,000	250	all	5 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. & China	265
40,000	281½	all	12 pct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	410 ad.
40,000	200	all	Nil.	Chartered Bk. of L. & C.	140
57,000	250	125	Nil.	National Bank of India	94
10,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	500

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

.....	£20	21¾-2½	p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock
.....	£20	19¾-1⅝	do.	Do. New £20 Shares
.....	£20	19-19⅜	do.	Ditto
.....	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.
.....	£18	19¾-⅞	do.	Do. New Shares

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	5,000	all	Rs. 73	Colaba Land Co	1,515
8,000	150	all		Freve Land & Pier Co. Ld.	191
750	2,000	2,000	31p.a.	Mazagon Land	800xd.
6,000	1,000	all	Nil.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	385

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,850	225p.	Akbar Cotton Press Co	2,100xd.
200	2,000	1,100	75do.	Albert Co. Kurrachee	930
250	3,000	350	Nil.	Alexandra Press Co	350
150	12,500	11,000	300do.	Apollo Press Co	7,900
200	2, 00	all	215do.	Bombay Press Co	2,250
200	500	all	53do.	Do New	550
100	1,500	...	...	Darwar Company	1,100
500	1,850	all	40 "	Colaba Press Co	6,300
350	2,000	all	200 "	East India Press Co	3,100
150	3,500	all	350 "	Fort Press Co	3,75 xd.
300	2,500	1,500	30 pa	Framji Cowasji Press Co	1,070
200	1,000	all	200 pa	Freeman Press Co	800
200	5,000	5,000	225 pa	Hydraulic Press Co	2,275
250	5,000	1,467	75 pa	Imperial Press Co	1,150
200	5,000	2,000	100 pa	Kurrachee Press Co	1,835
200	400	300	60 do	Mofussil Press & G. Co	600
140	2,500	all	250 pa	Prince of Wales Press	2,400
150	2,000	all	Nil.	Timevelly Press Co	1,000
225	2,000	1,000	200 do	Victoria Press, Madras	1,103
350	1,000	1,000	...	Broach Cotton Co	1,115

* Per share for the half-year.

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	150p.a	Albert Mills Co	1,300
600	1,250	all	50p.a	Alexandra Spinning	1,215
500	2,500	all	140 "	Alliance Spinning	2,275
100	5,000	all	400 "	Bombay	2 6 00
300	1,000	all	20"	Bombay United	820xd.
200	150	150	25"	Broach Mills	250
150	750	750	50 p.a	Dharumsey Spinning	2,400 xd.
750	2,000	all	200p.a	Great Eastern	2,00 x
500	1,000	all	140p.a	Manockji Petit's	1,000
930	1,0 0	all	Nil.	Morarjee Spinning	925
800	2,500	all	225"	Oriental	2,350 xd.
690	2,500	2,400	216p.a	Royal	1,900

* Per share for the half-year

MISCELLANEOUS.

.....	2,500	1,500	75 pa	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,190
50,000	50	all	4½ p ct	Bombay Gas Company	55
500	2,000	300	21 pa.	Kurrachee Landing and Shipping Company	175
1,000	50	all	2 pa.	Mechanics B'd'g's Co.	30
2,000	500	all	40 pa.	Treacher & Co	400
3,000	250	all	6 pa.	Vegas Patent Slip Co	85

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of L'dation.		
.....	500	95	Jan. '69	Bank of Bombay ..... S
.....	95	19½	...	Do. China 1
.....	250	2	Mar. '66	Central Bank 1
.....				East India Bank 1
.....	200	13	Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula 1
.....	200	70½	May '67	Royal Bank 2

EXCHANGE.

On	Terms.	Rate.
London	At sight	1s. 10 3d.
London Banks ...	6 months' sight ...	1s. 11 5/16 d.
Do. Credits ...	6 Do. do. ...	1s. 11 7/16d.
Do. Documents ...	6 Do. do. ...	1s. 11 9/16d.
Calcutta	At sight	100¼
Do.	30 days' sight ...	100
Do.	60 Do. do. ...	99¾
Madras	At sight	100
Do.	30 days' sight ...	99¾
China	60 Do. do....	221

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each	...Rs. 15-7 to 15-8
Bank of England Notes	... 15-12
Carolns	... 290
Mexican Dollars	... 222
Five- Franc Pieces	... 283
Bar Silver	... 106½
Gold Leaf	... 16-6
Bar Gold 10 oz. English 100 touch ...	... 16-9-9
AustralianGold ... 100 touch ...	... 16-9
Government Securities	... 5 per cent.
Mercantile Bills	... 6 "

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent	... 113
New Transfer Loan of Four & half per cent. of 1872	...104½
Four per cent	...100½ to 101
Four & half per cent. (Public Works Loan)	...105½
Five per cent Debenture Loan, 1895-67 ...	... 103½
15 years' Debenture Loans	...102½
10 years' do. do.	...105
5 years' do. do.	... 103
Six per cent Municipal Loan House Rate ...	...112
Do. Do. Market Rate ...	... 112
New French Loan 5 per cent (2 f. 50 c.) of 1871	... 90½
New French Loan (fully paid-up)	... 90½
Paris Municipal Loan (Debenture Rs 117) per Bond.	87

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—25TH APRIL.

London	Cotton	No ship.	
	Cases		
	Seeds		
Liverpool	Iron-Ships Cotton	£2 5s. 0d. to £2 7s. 6d.	
	Wooden Ships	£2 5s. 0d.	
	Myrabolms & Colr bdls	£1 10s. 0d.	
	Seeds	£1 10s. 0d.,	
Havre	Cotton	£2 17s. 6d.	
	Coffee		
Overland	Steamers	£2 15s. od. to £3	
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£1 17s 6d. to £2 0s. 6d.	
	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 7 to 8 per bale.	
China	Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 per chest	
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 4 per bale measurement	
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 4 0 0 per ton	
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 20 and Calcutta Port charges	
Mauritius		Nothing doing.	

ARRIVAL.

April	Vessel.	Commander.	From
25	Columbian (s)	Angove	Hongkong, Ap il 4.

DEPARTURES.

April	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
25	Pehlwan	Scott	Calcutta.
	Charles Buckland	Nacoda	Chittagong.

The steamer Berar, Bythell, to Liverpool, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

The following vessels were entered out for loading yesterday :—
Steamer Bell an, to Liverpool.
Steamer Sattara, to Malabar Coast and Calcutta.
Ship Sydney Dacres, to Liverpool.
Ship Sandringham, to Havre.

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.

April		
20	Invershire	London.

DEPARTURES.

April		
20	Excel lor (s)	London.
	Meim us (F. S.)	Galle.
21	W. W. Smith	London.
	Singapore (s)	Calcutta.
22	Patna (s)	Calcutta.

STEAMER REPORT.

GALLE, 25th April, 6 A.M.—French m il steamer from China signalled.

DAILY IMPORTS —25TH APRIL.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Andromeda, 40 crates earthenware and 4 casks glassware, Nanjee Cam jee; 1672 bars, and 250 bundles English iron, Lookmanjee Ebrahimjee Sons; 28 packages glassware, and 3 casks earthenware, Isaak Nourmahomed; 200 boxes Swasparilla, R. Scovell and Co; 1001 bundles hoop iron, Nanjee Jairam; 799 bundles iron-hoops, Khimjee Jeewa.

Durby (s), 980 bundles iron hoops, Khimjee Jewa; 2,000 bundles iron hoops, K. Jeewa and Tezpal Gopejee; 22 hhds. portwine, Nanabhoy Bhalnjee.

Mirriel (s), 5 casks hardware, The New Bank of Bombay.

Bellona (s), 6 cases silvered glasses, Nowrojee Cowasjee.

Elgin (s), 25 cases framed slates, and 2 cases hardware, Merwanjee and Co.

Petersburg (s), 71 cases drugs, Thomson & Co.; 84 casks beer, Adenjee Cooverjee & Co.; 2 cases Geneva, C. N. Gomes & Co.

Dilston Castle (s), 60 cases sherry, Cutler, Palmer & Co.

Singapore (s), 91 cases sherry, Cutler, Palmer & Co.

Wellesley (s), 10 cases brandy, Payne & Co.

Palermo (s), 11 cases oilmanstores, ham, cheese, and candles, King, King & Co.

Urbino (s), 2 casks sherry, Eduljee Nusservanjee Colabawala & Co.; 30 cases claret, and 3 cases portwine, E.; 3 case hardware, Merwanjee and Co.

Cella (s), 8 cases wine, King, King & Co.

White Adder, 5 cases gin, Cutler, Palmer & Co.

Jumna, 35 cases champagne, 25 cases sherry, and 10 cases claret, Cutler, Palmer & Co.

Amazi, 30 cases claret, Cutler, Palmer & Co.

Roeden, 60 cases sherry, 20 cases hock, and 20 cases port, Cutler Palmer & Co.

DAILY EXPORTS—25TH APRIL.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Mabel, 70 bales cotton, Lalljee Ramdass.

Cella (s), 115 bales cotton, Goculdass Doongersey; 200 bales cotton, H. Bomanjee, Touch, & Co.; 31 bales cotton, Thackersee Soondersdas; 300 bales cotton, A. Blaesbeck & Co.

Palermo (s), 3,100 bundles cotton yarn, Soondersdas Modjee; 150 bales cotton, Monore Hurruckchund; 118 bales wool, Vussunjee Varria; 14 bales old paper, Bhugwanjee Amidjee; 65 bales cotton, Nursey Mudjee; 15 bales hemp, Lalbhoy Gopaldas; 160 bales cotton, R. L. King & Co.; 100 bales cotton, D. Sassoon & Co.; 50 bales wool, Narandas Rumchordas; 75 bales cotton, Finlay Scott & Co.; 200 bales cotton, Monore Hurruckchund; 128 bales cotton, Farnham & Co.

European (s), 5 bales cotton, Lalljee Enderjee; 40 bales rags, Horjee Khetsey; 226 bales cotton, John Campbell & Co.; 110 bales cotton, Damjee Shamjee; 40 bales wool and 16 bales hemp, Hurmanjee Furbhoolaee; 50 bales wool, Khimjee Ramjee; 700 bundles haseed, V. Ebram; 60 bales wool, B. Ramjee.

Elgin (s), 57 bales cotton, Curumsey Mograj; 260 bales wool, Lyon & Co.; 100 bales wool, David Sassoon & Co.; 700 bundles galls, Hajee Woosman Chugonee; 250 bales cotton, King & Co.

Petersburg (s), 200 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co.

Malta (s), 90 bales cotton, Moorarjee Chatoor & Co.; 25 bales wool, G. Sigg & Co.

Whitburn (s), 500 bundles galls, Currumby Varsey.

Belgian (s), 10 cases rubber, R. Martin & Co.

FOR LONDON.

Timao (s), 11 cases fishmaws, and 31 bundles horns, Peerbuy Damjee; 70 bales hides and skins, D. Ezekiljee; 10 bales skins, S. O. L. N. Meers & Co.; 2 bales hides, 3 cases fishmaws, and 20 bundles deer horns, Dawoodbhoy Hassen; 15 bales skins, Mamoodbhoy Soorjoodin & Co.; 50 bales hides, Ahmedbhoy Habibhoy 115 bundles hides, Dowjeebhoy Goolam Hussun & Co.; 6 bales skins, D. Ezmailjee; 30 bags galls, Heerachund Curzondjee; 224 bundles coir ropes, H. Curzondjee; 130 bags galls, Hajee Woosman Chugame; 13 bales hides, D. M. Dhurumsey; 14 cases gum, Laduck Daitoo.

Malta (s), 3 cases shawls, P. Jugunath; 1 case shawls, Tarrachund Ramchund.

FOR HAVRE.

Minden, 100 bales cotton, George Lockhart and Co.

Sandringham, 250 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

Malta (s), 25 bales cotton, G. Ezzal and Co.

Macedon, 1000 bundles myrabollams, S. S. Narrelwalla.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Malta (s), 50 bales wool, G. Sigg and Co.

Persia (s), 54 packages wet duties, E. Moonsee.

FOR SUEZ.

Malta (s), 1 bundle shawls, H. M. E. Keerance.

Persia (s), 1 bundle shawls and 4 pots co lls oil, Shaik Moned Abdool Lutiff.

FOR TRIESTE.

Malta (s), 50 bales cotton, G. Sigg & Co.

Persia (s), 140 bales cotton, Momed Esmail; 130 bales cotton, Esmail Remtoola.

FOR GENOA.

Persia (s), 3 bales hides, Peerbhoy Damjee.

SALES AND PURCHASES.

The following sales are reported to have been made by European firms yesterday :—

PIECE GOODS.

				Rs. A. P.
500 pieces Grey Shirtings	40 inch	30 yds.	5¼ lbs.	3 13 6
750 " " "	40 "	39 "	6 lbs.	4 7 6
1,000 " " "	40 "	39 "	7 lbs.	4 12 6
1,500 " " "	40 "	39 "	8¼ lbs.	5 8 6
1,000 " " "	40 "	39 "	8¼ lbs.	5 9 6
2,000 " " "	40 "	39 "	8¼ lbs.	5 8 6
500 " " "	45 "	39 "	7 lbs.	5 1 0
500 " " "	45 "	39 "	9 lbs.	6 8 6
500 " " "	45 "	39 "	9¼ lbs.	5 11 0
1,000 " T. Cloths (B.E)	29 "	24 "	4 lbs.	2 8 6
120 " W. Ground	33 "	25 "		4 10 0
200 " White Dorias	40 "	10		2 8 0

COTTON.

75 candies New Bhownuggur (ready)	...	...	...	Rs. 298
50 " " Varaval	"	...	...	" 220
100 " " Dholleras	"	...	...	" 236-67
50 " " "	"	...	...	" 267
100 " " "	"	...	...	" 267
50 " " "	"	...	...	" 267
75 " " Akola	"	...	...	" 280
75 " " Sawg. Dharwar	"	...	...	" 293

YARNS.

25 bales Colored Yarns No. 30-60	...	...	As. 15	per lb.
10 " Turkey Red	" 40	...	" 22	"
10 " " "	" 40	...	" 23½	"
10 " " "	" 40	...	" 22 11/16	"
10 " " "	" 40	...	" 22 7/16	"
35 " Water	" 20	...	" 9½	"

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH OFFICE—25TH APRIL, 9 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Russia, 24th April, 6-30 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 5 hours 4 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 25th April, 1-53 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 45 minutes.

Latest dates from Continent of Europe.

Via Turkey, 24th April, 5-50 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 3 hours 12 hours.

Via Red Sea, 25th April, 10 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 3 hours 44 minutes.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 9 P.M. of the 24th to 9 P.M. of the 25th April is as follows:—

To Bombay.	Max.	Min.
From Calcutta	4 57	0 9
" Galle	3 28	1 18
" Kurrachee	0 52	0 3
" Madras	1 3	0 8

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 25th April, 9 P.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom, via Russia, 24th April, 7-40 P.M. From Continent of Europe, via Turkey, 24th April, 5-50 P.M. Cable right to Fao; Turkish line right to Fera; Persian line right to London.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—APRIL 25.

Currie, Captain, 1st L. C., on leave, from Poona.

Harrison, Lieuten nt-Colonel, Madras Staff Corps, on sick leave, from Boolundshuhur.

Hay, Lieutenant, 1-17th Regiment, on leave, from Lucknow.

DEPARTURES.—APRIL 25.

Woods, 1st Class Veterin ry Surgeon, Bengal Stud Department, on furlough, to Europe.

Wilmot, Captain, 14 h Bengal Lancers, on furlough, to England.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Bombay Government Gazette*, April 25.)

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Col. S. H. Fecher, Bengal S. C., is allowed furlough to Europe for twenty months, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1854.

The undermentioned officers are allowed furlough to Europe for two years, under rule 9 of the furlough regulations of 1868 :—

Lt.-Col. J. H. Reynolds, S. C., Second in Command 17th Regt. N. I.

Capt. R. G. T. Stevenson, 2nd Squadron Officer, Poona Horse.

Capt. A. P. Currie, 2nd Squadron Officer, 3rd Light Cavalry.

Ens. H. D. Hayes, Harrack Master, Umballa, is allowed furlough to Europe for eighteen months, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1868.

Capt. W. Thompson, 3rd Regt. Madras Light Cavalry, is allowed furlough to Europe for twenty months, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1854.

Lt. C. F. Call, R. E., Asst. Engr., second grade, Asst. to Chief Engr. and Asst. to Chief Commsr., Central Provinces, is allowed furlough to Europe for eighteen months, on medical certificate under the furlough regulations of 1868.

The services of Col. E. C. Marston, S. C., are placed at the disposal of H. E. the C.-in-C.

Apothecary William Wait (No. 4) is promoted to the rank of Senior Apothecary, with effect from the 30th December 1871, vice Wilson, deceased.

Surg. Major A. Fox is permitte l to retire from the Service on half-pay of his rank, viz. £200 18s. per annum.

G. G. O. No 631 of 1870 is cancelled.

Officers of British Regiments on first arrival in this country will be allowed one year to provide themselves with tents, and in the event of their being required to march within that period, tents will be provided for them from the Public Stores.

When tents are issued under the foregoing rule, a monthly rent, as per margin, will be charged for them, and the Officers will be liable to pay for deficiencies, or for damage other than such as may justly be attributable for fair wear and tear.

	Cost.	Rent.
	Rs.	Rs.
Fie'd Officer...	1,389	23
Captain	948	16
Subaltern	603	10
Hill	4.0	7
Beechoba	200	3
Warlendry ...	43	1
Soldiers' D. P.	200	7
Do. S. P.	200	5
Staff Serge nt	210	4
Sepoy, 2 Pals.	232	5
" No. 2 ...	215	4
" No. 3 ...	215	4
" Mazan ...	120	2
Pal, Mazan ...	120	2

The tents will be obtained by Indents "Passed" with the words "for payment of the authorized rent monthly." The Ordnance Examiner will take measures for the realization of the rents.

When passing Returning Indents of such tents, the Quartermaster General will note thereon what damage should be charged for, if any.

Col. H. B. Hodgson, S. C., is allowed furlough to Europe for six months from the date of departure, in May next, on private affairs, under Rule XC. of the furlough regulations of 1868.

The Furlough to Europe for six months, on private affairs, granted by G. O. No. 267, dated 3rd April 1872, to Lt. E. C. Hart, Royal Engineers, is without pay.

The services of Lt. A. E. G. Cotton, R.E., are placed at the disposal of Government, for employment in the F. W. D.

The Right Hon. the Secy. of State for India has granted six months' extension of leave to Capt. H. Doveton, Royal Engineers.

Major A. S. Anderson, Offg Asst. Adjt. Genl., Mhow Division of the Army, performed the duties of Deputy Asst. Quar. General of the Division in addition to his own, from the 21st Feb. to the 10th April 1872.

Inspr. Genl. of Hospitals J. Mouat, C.B., V.C., is permitted to proceed to England, on medical certificate, for the purpose of appearing before a medical board there :—

Surgt. C. D. Wise, of the Unattached List, is promote l to the rank of Sub-Conductor, with effect from the 22nd March 1872.

Lt.-Col. J. Alburner, S. C., Deputy Comsr., Central Provinces, is allowed leave of absence for two years, under rule 9 of the furlough regulations of 1868.

The furlough to Europe on private affairs granted by G. O. No. 256, dated 17th April 1872, to Capt. F. S. Irodell, Cadre 16th Regt. N. I., is cancelled at his own request.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

On every change of Medical Subordinates on board a Vessel of the Bombay Marine, a list shall be sent in immediately to the Deputy Surgt.-Genl. of Hospitals, Presidency Division and Bombay Marine, of the Instruments, Medicines, Books, &c., showing their number and present condition. This list should be signed by both the relieved and relieving Officer, and when the latter is not an Officer of the Medical Department such list should nevertheless be signed by him in token of correct receipt of the articles therein specified.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Lt.-Col. S. C. Law and Asst. Surg. H. De Tatham respectively delivered over and received charge of the Kutch Political Agency on the 12th instant, aft r office hours.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. H. J. H. Henderson to act as Asst. District Supt. of Police in the Ahmedabad District, vice Lt. Baugh, or until further orders.

Reghvauder Narayen, late Nazir in the Adlundgee Adawlut, having been convicted of breach of trust as a public servant and sentenced to imprisonment, is declared ineligible for employment in any Dept. of the Government Service.

Mr. J. Monteath, Superv. Asst. to the Collr. of Canara and Sub. Mag. of the first cl ss, is invested with powers to commit to the Session Court.

Lt. C. Hay, Acting District Supt. of Police in the Sholapore Dis rict, has passed with credit the examination prescribed by Government Notification of 8th July 1868.

The Right Hon. the Govr. in Council is pleased to authorize all Magistrates invested with full powers to exercise the powers specified in sections 14, 15, and 31 of Act XXXI. of 1860 (Arms Act).

H. E. in Council is also pleased to authorize the undermentioned officers to exercise similar powers :—

Capt. F. H. Segrave, Supt. of Police, Ahmedabad.
Capt. W. P. L. Touche, Supt. of Police, Kaira.
Mr. H. Scannell, Acting Supt. of Police, Punch Mahals.
Capt. G. F. Bludwood, Acting Supt. of Police, Surat.
Capt. F. J. Wise, Acting Supt. of Police, Khandeish.
Major R. M. Hunter, Acting Supt. of Police, Tanna.
Major R. Johnstone, Sup intendent of Police, Ratnagherry.
Lt.-Col. J. H. Henderson, Supt. of Police, Poona.
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Lt.-Col. G. E. Thomas, Supt. of Police, Belgaum.
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Mr. E. A Jone , Acting Supt. of Police, Kulladghee.
Capt. F. P. Bartholomew, Acting Supt. of Police, Dharwar.
Capt. S. F. McGillivray, Supt. of Police, Canara.
Major S. Scott, Acting Supt. of Police, Nassick.
Mr. H. Cameron, Acting Supt. of Police, Broach.
Lt. C. F. Baugh, Acting Supt. of Police, Colaba.
Lt. C. Hay, Acting supt. of Police, Sholapore.
Capt. R. J. Crawford Acting Supt. of Police Kurrachee.
Capt. W. T. Forbes, Acting Supt. of Police, Hyadrabad.
Mr. C. McIver, Supt. o Police, Shikarpore.
Lt. S. Babington, Supt. of Police, G. I. P. Railway.
Major C. J. Forbes, Supt. of Police, B. B. and C. I. Railway.
Capt. C. D. F. Payne, Asst. Supt. of Police, Punch Mahals.
Mr. H. V. S. FitzGerald, Acting First Asst. Supt. of Police, Khandeish.
Lt. C. J. A. Yates, Acting Second Supt. of Police, Khandeish.
Mr. H. J. H. Henderson, Acting Asst. Supt. of Police, Ahmedabad.
Mr. H. Kennedy, Asst. Supt. of Police, Kurrachee.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. W. H. Bolton, Deputy Collr., Frontier Upper Sind, is allowed one month's leave of absence on medical certificate, and Mr. C. R. Steele is appointed, as a temporary measure, Acting Deputy Collr., Frontier Upper Sind, until further orders.

Lukshman Wassoodeo Burvey, late Talati of Dhanu in the Tanna Collectorate, is declared ineligible for Government service in any capacity.

Mr. A. Wingate, C.S., having returned to the Presidency on the 20th ultimo, the unexpired portion of the two years' furlough granted to him under Government Order dated 6th April 187 0 is cancelled.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Asst. Surg. J. Robb, M.B., assumed temporary charge of the office of Supt. of Vaccination, Southern Circle, on the 7th Dec. 1871, before office hours.

Mr. F. R. S. Wylie resumed charge of the office of Acting Under-Secy. to Govt. in the Revenue, Financial, and General Departments on the forenoon of this day.

Surgr. N. Hopkins, Civil Surg., Kurrachee, was allowed subsidiary leave for four days, viz. from the 28th to the 31st March 1872.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Lt. W. C. Morris is appointed Ex. Engr., Ratnagherry.

Mr. C. A. U. H. Finch, B.E., received charge of the Office of the Ex. Engr., Poona and Kirkee, from Major J. G. Mellis, Staff Corps, on the afternoon of the 9th April 1872.

Mr. Nicholas Edwin Goyld Oke, B.A., L.C.E., Asst. Engr, received charge of the office of the Ex. Engr. Lower and Central Sind, from Lt. A. Awdry, R.E., on the forenoon of the 8th April 1872.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

Capt. G. W. Oldham, R.E., Depy. Consulting Engr., for Railways, is allowed privilege leave for one month from the 18th April 1872.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Rev. J. W. Young, M.A., Senior Chaplain, Bengal Establishment, is allowed a furlough to Europe for twenty months, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1868.

Licenses to solemnize Marriages under the provisions of Act V. of 1865 is hereby given to the Rev. John Small, Missionary in connection with the Free Church of Scotland.

The Rev. John Paton is allowed privilege leave for two months.

POSTAL NOTICES.

DEPARTURE OF OCEAN MAILS.

	Date.	Mail closes.	After. packet
United Kingdom	April 29	5-30 P.M.	6-30 P.M.
Kurrachee	May 3	11 A.M.	12 A.M.
Persian Gulf via Kurrachee	April 26	11 A.M.	12 A.M.
China	May 6	9 A.M.	10 A.M.
Australia	" 6	9 A.M.	10 A.M.
Mauritius, Reunion, &c.	" 13	2 P.M.	3 P.M.

OVERLAND MAIL.

The Overland Mail Steamers of the P. and O. S. N. Company leave Bombay every Monday at 7 P.M.

The following revised arrangements in the hours for closing Mails came into operation on the 19th February :—

Letters will be received at the General Post Office up to 5-30 P.M.

Newspapers, Books, and Patterns, up to 3 P.M.

Registered Letters up to 2 P.M.

Late letters, if fully prepaid by means of stamps in respect both of postage and of late letter fee (4 Annas each), will be received at the Pier Post Office from 5-30 to 6-30 P.M.

The latest hour for posting Overland covers at the several Branch Post Offices will be 1-30 P.M.

The subjoined Table shows the dates of departure of Overland Mail Steamers from Bombay during the year 1872. The hour of the steamer's departure is 7 P.M. :—

Monday	Apr. 29	Friday	Aug. 30
"	May 6	"	Sept. 6
"	" 13	"	" 13
"	" 20	"	" 20
"	" 27	Monday	" 30
Friday	" 31	"	Oct. 7
"	Jun. 7	"	" 14
"	" 14	"	" 21
"	" 21	"	" 28
"	" 28	"	Nov. 4
"	July 5	"	" 11
"	" 12	"	" 18
"	" 19	"	" 25
"	" 26	"	Dec. 2
"	Aug. 2	"	" 9
"	" 9	"	" 16
"	" 16	"	" 23
"	" 23	"	" 30

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The subjoined Table shows the dates of departure of China and Australian Mail Steamers from Bombay during the year 1872 :—

CHINA MAILS LEAVE BOMBAY ON

			At 3 P.M.
Monday	May 6	Monday	Sept. 23
"	" 20	Tuesday	Oct. 8
"	Jun. 3	"	" 22
"	" 17	"	Nov. 5
"	July 1	"	" 19
"	" 15	"	Dec. 3
"	" 29	"	" 17
"	Aug. 12	"	31
"	" 26		1873.
"	Sept. 9	"	Jan. 14

AUSTRALIAN MAILS LEAVE BOMBAY ON

			At 3 P.M.
Monday	May 6	Tuesday	Oct. 22
"	June 3	"	Nov. 19
"	July 1	"	Dec. 17
"	" 29		1873
"	Aug. 26	"	Jan. 14
Monday	Sept. 23		

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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BOMBAY.

BIRTHS.

PANDAY—April 25th, at Bombay, Goolbai, the wife of Nusserwanjee Merwanjee Framjee Panday, of a son.

VIDAL—April 22nd, at Ratnagherry, the wife of G. Vidal, Esq., C.S., of a daughter.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

HALLEN—April 19th, at Belgaum, the wife of J. H. B. Hallen, of a son.

LECOT—April 20th, at Kilpauk, Madras, the wife of F. Lecot, Esq., of a daughter.

ROBINSON—April 23rd, at Allahabad, the wife of A. W. Robinson, District Carriage Superintendent, E. I. R., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

HILL—STEWART—April 18th, at Mean Meer, Percy Graham Hill, Esq., Lieutenant, R

that the Jews "in Baghdad are "descended partly from those who remained behind in Babylon, when Cyrus gave permission for their return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple;" but chiefly "from a party of fugitives who escaped destruction at the taking of Jerusalem by Titus, and settled at Anah on the Euphrates, and 200 to 250 years ago came to Baghdad and mingled with their brethren." "Here then is a peculiar people shut off from the outer world for generations at least, a people bound to *marry in and in*, even to the deceased brother's wife, with no district of country like the Christians or Mahomedans from which to draw fresh blood." The Baghdad Jews have no statistics, but "have watched with anxiety the progress of phthisis (consumption) in their community." "* * Intelligent men well read in their own literature tell me that, * * finding phthisis increasing amongst them in Baghdad, they began to think and they reasoned thus"—"Death is only a matter of time;" "whole families are dying off." "The disease is increasing." The disease was viewed as contagious, but was also considered in its hereditary aspect; so that marriages with infected families were avoided. The result is that "phthisis is decreasing" among the Jews in Baghdad; and the moral of the tale is *Cousins, beware*. In this interesting paper we are told that Arabs subjected to quarantine on the Turkish frontier, "by way of retaliation fumigate with buffaloes' dung and rice-straw every Turk and citizen who may fall into their hands, exacting from each a certain sum of money"!! and further, "the people (in Baghdad) are very desirous of being vaccinated." A family document in French, and which was in Mr. Colvill's possession, relates that a Monsieur De Murat introduced vaccination into Baghdad in 1809 with a great deal of trouble, as "fanaticism and predestination" opposed. M. De Murat obtained the "interposition of the Grand Muftiile Sage, Ahmed Effendi," who had his own six children vaccinated. M. De Murat's wife aided her husband in his work, and continued it on his leaving Baghdad. Vaccination has apparently ever since been successfully and profitably conducted *by women* in Baghdad, and Mr. Colvill pertinently remarks—"Inoculation is now unknown. At the present time there are twenty vaccinators in Baghdad, *all* women * * they * * have many opportunities of vaccinating, and getting introductions into harems, where men dare not penetrate." There are in the volume three contributions on dengue fever, a disease which has recently made itself felt among us. It seems to have prevailed at Zanzibar in the middle of 1870, when, Dr. Christie says, the natives of India resident there named it *Homa Magwe* or Leg-fever, but the old inhabitants recognised it as a disease that was epidemic on the East Coast of Africa 48 years before, and then called *Kidingo Pepo*, which, being interpreted, means cramped by the Evil Spirit. The disease is reported to have shown itself, just a year later, at Aden, where one observer, heading his remarks with a quotation from "The Book of the Prophet Isaiah" (chap. xxi., vers. 1 and 3) attributes the origination of the disease at Aden to "dissemination by the dusty wave whirlwind (Shamal) which burst with great violence from the South-West African Coast, sweeping this our peninsula in its flight." This paper—by an officer long and well known in the Deccan, capital of Western India, when it was the head-quarter station of the Artillery (Bombay) Horse Brigade—is indeed a curiosity of English literature!! The author himself experienced dengue fever, which impaired "the old elastic gait;" and with reference to his sufferings, he remarks—"I came, I saw, but by it alone was I conquered after 30½ years freedom from sickness." We may conclude this somewhat lengthy notice of a publication, for which we hope there is a bright future, by saying that in an Appendix there are given notes of cases of disease having only special professional interest, and that in two instances the photographic art has been made use of in illustration of description.

DOCKS FOR BOMBAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The letters of "H. S." and "C. & M. E." on the subject of Pier and Dock accommodation for Bombay, I read with interest, and should be glad to see the whole question very fully discussed in your columns.

I cannot agree with "H.S." that the question "of wet docks has been tolerably well disposed of from a sanitary point of view, and from the apparent uselessness of impounding so small a column of tidal water." Wet Docks in Mody Bay was the subject of a Committee—call the Wet Dock Committee—under the presidency of the late Mr. A. F. Bellasis. This Committee's report was sent in in October 1867. It comprised a report, a dissent, with minutes of evidence, and various illustrative documents.

In favour of Docks there were *five* of the Committee; *against Docks, five* of the Committee; and one of the Committee, who attended the earlier meetings, but was not present when the report was drawn up, left on record his opinion adverse to the docks. It will thus be seen that the Committee were equally divided on the subject, and I may say, from my recollection of the enquiry, and the unbiassed feeling of the majority of shipmasters who were in port at the time, and more or less conversant with the subject, the evidence of the witnesses being given in the daily papers, that there was a very general feeling that Bombay required Wet Docks; that these docks could be made at comparatively little expense; that Wet Docks were suitable for Bombay; and altogether desirable in the true interests of the trade of the port, and of merchants and underwriters in particular. Such, I say confidently, was the general feeling in 1867, and that feeling must be much intensified now that three-fourths of the carrying trade of Bombay has passed from sailing vessels to steam vessels, and the other fourth is still bound to suffer constant transfer in the same direction. The sight of a square-rigged vessel under full canvas, familiar as it is to us now, will, twenty years hence, be *rare*. If we had wet docks in Bombay, in which steamers could discharge their inward cargoes and load their outward cargoes, every steamer, I say it confidently, that comes to the port would use them. So far, therefore, from the question of wet docks being "disposed of," it will never be disposed of until they are made.

As to the apparent "uselessness of impounding so small a column of tidal-water," I really cannot follow "H. S." If by a column of tidal water he alludes to the range of the tide—in Bombay—or the difference between high and low water, I must tell him that there are very few harbours that have so much rise and fall as Bombay Harbour. It is also precisely in those harbours where the range of the tide is equal to that at Bombay, or greater, that we find wet docks have been made. In those harbours where the range of tide is considerable, where the room for ships to load or discharge in is limited, and where commerce has large proportions, we find at the present day wet docks. In those harbours where the range of tide is inconsiderable we find, instead of wet docks, piers and wharves to which ships can be taken for loading and unloading. Wharves and piers are useless for large vessels where the tide has a wide range, and wet docks are useless where the tide has a limited range.

Thus we have wet docks at London, with a range of tide of 20½ feet on the springs to 17½ on the neap tides.

Also at Liverpool, with a range of 26 and 20½ feet at springs and neaps.

At New York, where there is an enormous commerce, wet docks are not required, but all vessels go alongside wharves. The same at Melbourne and Sydney, and all three of these ports, have larger and more sheltered harbours than Bombay, and the following ranges of tide—

	Springs.	Neaps.
New York	5½ feet.	4½ feet.
Melbourne	3 ,,	2 ,,
Sydney	4½ ,,	4 ,,

At Bombay, ordinary springs rise 12 feet and occasional extraordinary ones 17 feet, and neap tides 6 feet.

Piers could be made in Bombay Harbour less expensively perhaps than docks, but they would have to be carried out from the shore into deep water; vessels laying alongside would be exposed to very considerable rises and falls with the tides, and for three months at least in the year, during the Monsoon, the swell alongside these piers would be very considerable. Any one who has ever embarked during a heavy breeze at high water in the South-West Monsoon time at the Apollo Bunder can bear me out in this. Higher up the harbour there is less swell. Though the swell for three months in the year would be considerable, I do not think it would be such as to stop vessels coming alongside or remaining alongside loading or discharging during those three months; at all events, not at the Apollo Bunder or any bunder higher up the harbour. As regards "H. S.'s" other proposal to improve our lighterage and wharfage systems, I may say as to the lighterage system of Bombay its day has gone by. Most merchants in Bombay recollect the circumstances of the formation, the working, and the final winding up, with a balance on the wrong side of the ledger, of the Bombay Landing and Shipping Company within the last eight or nine years. This Company was formed with an earnest intention of improving the system of lighterage and doing away with the old-fashioned cargo boats. For many reasons it was not successful, and chiefly, in my opinion, because it was inaugurated at a time of inflation and high prices. The Company's plant was high-priced, and the arrangements for working the reverse of economical. We have swung back again to the old Mucoadum system and native boats, with the exception of some iron cargo steamers and barges, for the most part the rusty and unpainted remains of the Landing and Shipping Company.

But the present state of things is a disgrace to Bombay; the port, as a port, is a century behind what it ought to be, in all matters of piers and wet docks, and facilities for loading and unloading ships. During the last few days of strong breezes, it has been simply painful to me to see ordinary cargo boats loaded to within 9 inches of the gunwale amidships with cotton bales, or bales of piece goods, lying alongside vessels with the boat's identable large coir fenders out, hanging on each side and reaching the water, and the tide running by at 5 or 6 knots an hour against the said fenders and the spray wetting the merchandize in these open boats. It was to displace these open cargo boats with covered cargo boats, and to end the Mucoadum's monopoly, that the B. L. & S. Company was established.

MacCulloch calls the Wet Docks of Liverpool "the great glory of the town," and so they are. Our embarking and disembarking accommodation for passengers, and loading and unloading accommodation for ships, are the *great disgrace* of Bombay. We have made some progress in material matters in other directions; in these matters we have made no advance, and have available only the same appliances as there were two hundred years ago. In the meantime, however, some lakhs of rupees have been spent, wasted, literally thrown into the waters of this peerless—but pierless—harbour, as witness the so-called harbour defences on the Middle-Ground Shoal and Oyster Rock Battery. How the projectors of these useless works, and those who voted the money for them, can sleep in their beds, seeing the public money that has been thrown away for no purpose, is a wonder to me. This money would have gone far to have made improvements in Bombay Harbour that would have yielded some interest on the investment and have been of great public utility. Every rupee that is saved on a bale of goods between the ship's side and the shore, or vice versa, is a direct gain in money value. Avoid the necessity of lighterage in Bombay Harbour by providing other accommodation, and the saving in money, time, temper, loss and damage, will be immense.

In answer to "C. & M. E.," who says—"I believe that engineers are quite agreed that wet docks are out of the question for Bombay because of the great expense of constructing them," I would refer him to the Resolution of Government, dated 21st December 1867, on Wet Docks in Moody Bay. It is given in the Chamber of Commerce report for 1867-68.

Paragraph 11—"The comparative outlay would therefore stand as follows:—

	Lakhs.
Docks	176
Value of additional 16 acres of land required at Rs. 25 per sq. yard (the very lowest sum at which it could be reckoned)	20
Seamen's Barracks	12
	208
Boat Basins	171
Difference in favour of boat basins	37

"12. This difference is probably, however, not sufficient to decide the question in favour of boat basins, if it could be shown that the practical advantages of docks, as regards the trade, would be considerable, and that they are free of drawbacks in other important respects."

Since the opening of the Suez Canal, all the seaborne trade of Bombay to and from Europe has been changed. It has required different handling, having found a new channel and a new style of conveyance. The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce are now engaged in remodelling the tonnage scale of the port; and this example of remodelling must be followed up, and the present Dockyard, for instance, remodelled off the face of this island to Hog Island; and, lastly, a new commodious customs, goods sheds, tramways, and wet docks, must and eventually will be made. Poll the merchants of Bombay—European and native—as the persons most interested in its trade, and get their opinions on the subject of the necessity of removing the Government Graving Docks to Hog Island, and utilizing the space for the benefit of the trade of the port; and on the subject of goods sheds, tramways from end to end of the foreshore connecting Colaba continuously with Mazagon, and with respect to wet docks, they will reply, almost unanimously, "Yes, we *must* have them." Ask the Captains of the Canal steamers whether they would use wet docks or not, instead of lying at their own anchors in the harbour. Why, they would think the questioner mad to doubt for a moment that they would refuse to avail themselves of such a facility.

No, Sir, we must have Wet Docks in Bombay, in the interests of the place and all who belong to it and trade to it.

Liverpool had wet docks a century before London,—such was the force of habit in London, the strength of the vested interests in wharves, and the immense sums that had to be paid for land and houses standing on the projected dock sites. All we have to contend with here, is the Conservative element in the Government. Have we not all the foreshore, all the Elphinstone property, thrust upon us, whether we will or not? Let us use this foreshore and property in the only way that will be the best possible for the future and for the present, and the only best way is by making Wet Docks and the other improvements above suggested.

PALTAN.

PERIODICAL RAILWAY TICKETS OF THE B B. & C. I. R.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Circulars, signed by Mr. Duxbury, have been distributed among the passengers by the B. B. & C. I. line of railway, intimating that, because several expired passes were not returned to the office of the Company in past times, it will henceforth be the practice to require a deposit of Rs. 5 to be paid by every applicant for a periodical ticket, which sum will be forfeited on the ticket being lost or not delivered back to the Agent on its expiry. In other words, Mr. Duxbury is about to imitate the very unpopular practice of the G. I. P. Railway Company, and, together with the entire number of constant daily passengers [I am not one of them], I very much deplore that the Baroda line should follow so bad an example. In the first place, the plea of neglect to return expired passes is not a sufficient one, as I say it from my individual experience, that, for several quarters on my spontaneously sending to Mr. Duxbury's office my expired passes, and money for a fresh one, I invariably had the old pass returned to me, my messenger (himself a second class pass holder) saying, in explanation, that the Company laid no store by expired passes, and was considerably more liberal than the other Company in the matter of renewing any which, by some accident which must, we all know, occur in the best-regulated arrangements, has been lost. I gradually ceased to return the expired passes, and it seemed to matter little with the Agent, so that there is no question, in *my* mind at least, that the present abrupt awakening to their importance is not consistent and should not form an *important impeachment* of the regular habits of the pass holders on which to frame an obnoxious rule. It seems to be a pretext.

In the next place the rule is unfair, and it has ever been regarded as such in the G. I. P. R., because it stands to reason that I, who am ordinarily a regular and punctual man, should not be called on to suffer by anticipation equally with Jones or Robinson, who has a proclivity to mislay his pass and probably lose it. If he does so, and needs a fresh one, for which he troubles Mr. Duxbury's people, by all means let him be fined Rs. 5, or any other sum which the morality of the Agent would regard as an adequate punishment for such dissolute conduct in respect to passes; but it is un-English to herd the careful and the improvident together, and frame an inflexible penalty which all parties agree in condemning.

Perhaps Mr. Duxbury does not know how extremely distasteful this rigid order of his is among the people who use his railway, and if what I now say enlightens him, and he really has at heart a desire to make the line popular, he will either withdraw the circular, or substitute it by another which will fasten the obligation of paying a penalty on him who deserves it by losing his pass.

23rd April. WAYFARER.

THE POST OFFICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Through the medium of your columns, I beg to ask the Bombay Postmaster why a letter registered in Liverpool, and bearing the post mark of the 27th March, was not delivered to me before the afternoon of this date, 24th April? The steam ship has been in port eleven days, and the Master has applied at the Post Office twice since then.—I am, &c.

H. GRIFFITH, Second Officer s.s. Belgian.

Steam-ship Belgian, 24th April.

BENCH OF JUSTICES.

YESTERDAY afternoon a meeting of the Bench of Justices was held in the Durbar Room—Mr. Connon presiding. An hour was spent in waiting for a quorum. Mr. MAXWELL then made a graceful apology for language he used recently regarding Dr. Hewlett. Mr. SOUTER, the Commissioner of Police, said the resolution passed by the Bench at its last meeting regarding the police budget was illegal since his personal allowances had been already settled by the Government of India and it could not therefore lie in the power of the Bench to affect them. Mr. HOPE replied that he had moved the resolution in consequence of a previous resolution of the Bench on the general subject of personal allowances. It was agreed to submit the question to the legal advisers of the Bench. A discussion took place on the Health Department Budget, in which the project of sending the Municipality sweepings to Bandora was incidentally introduced, regarding which the general opinion seemed to be that operations should be suspended in consequence of the attitude assumed by the villagers. Dr. BLANEY spoke for some time on the necessity of Dr. Hewlett being supplied with a laboratory for analytical purposes. Mr. Nowrojee Furdonjee was giving his views on the matter, when several Justices, observing that there was present the exact number necessary for a quorum, left the room, and as it was then brought to the notice of the Chairman that there was no quorum present the meeting adjourned until Thursday next without passing a single resolution. The following motions were submitted:—

Proposed by the Municipal Commissioner, seconded by Captain BAKER—"That the cost of the Health Department be accepted at Rs. 9,25,433, including the items for disposal of town sweepings and new works previously sanctioned by the Bench and subject to the necessary correction on account of the reduction in the salaries of the Health Officer, Chief Superintendent, and Superintendent of Markets ordered at the meeting of the Justices held on the 12th instant."

Proposed by Dr. BLANEY, seconded by Dr. COOK—"That a sum of Rs. 3,000 be sanctioned for providing a laboratory to enable the Health Officer to carry out the analyses of air, food, soil, and water."

Proposed as an amendment by Captain HENRY, seconded by Mr. W. M. WOOD—"That Government be respectfully asked to allow the chemical analyser to perform such analyses as may be required by the Health Officer."

BOMBAY.

THAKUR OF RAJCOTE.—The marriage of the Thakur of Rajcote is to take place on the 9th May next.

POLITICAL AGENT OF KATTYWAR.—The camp of Colonel Anderson, Political Agent of Kattywar, who is now on circuit, is at present at Mangrole.

A BOAT CAPSIZED.—On Wednesday, a boat, laden with salt, was capsized near Mandvee Bunder. The damage is estimated at Rs. 750.

AHMEDABAD.—Mr. H. J. H. Henderson has been appointed to act as District Superintendent of Police in the Ahmedabad district, vice Lieutenant Baugh.

REVENUE COMMISSIONER NORTHERN DIVISION.—The camp of Mr. A. Rogers, Revenue and Police Commissioner, Northern Division, is at present at Matheran.

NEW HINDOO TEMPLE AT JOONAGHUD.—At a meeting of the principal Hindoo inhabitants of Joonaghud, held the other day, it was resolved to erect a new temple there.

DEPUTY CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS.—Captain G. W. Oldham, R.E., Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, has been allowed privilege leave for a month.

GRANT MEDICAL COLLEGE.—Dr. G. Y. Hunter assumed charge of his appointment of Acting Professor of Anatomy and Curator of the Museum, Grant Medical College, on the 18th inst.

ARRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.—Yesterday morning their Excellencies the Governor and Commander-in-Chief arrived from Mahableshwur. The usual salutes were fired.

SCARCITY OF WATER AT BEKANEER.—We learn that there is at present great scarcity of water in some of the villages of Bekaneer, in Marwar, and in consequence a large number of people have left the place.

VACATION OF THE SMALL CAUSE COURT OF SURAT AND BROACH.—The Judges of the High Court have permitted the adjournment of the Court of Small Causes of Surat and Broach from the 1st to the 15th May next.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—Mr. J. B. Peile, Director of Public Instruction, who had been to Surat for the purpose of conducting the examination of some of the schools there, returned to Bombay on Wednesday.

A NOTED THIEF.—The Senior Magistrate yesterday sentenced a Mahratta named Balloo Witto, an old offender, to receive six stripes, for stealing a quantity of wool belonging to a Hindoo named Gunneshram Calipursad.

ATTEMPT TO COMMIT THEFT.—A Maratha named Gujia Pandoo was placed before the Senior Magistrate yesterday, and charged with attempting to steal four pieces of wearing apparel, the property of one Sowjee Peemjee.

SERIOUS FIRE AT SURAT.—We learn that on Monday last a serious fire broke out at Surat, by which nearly twenty-five houses were completely destroyed. The damage done to the property is estimated at about Rs. 25,000.

SUSPECTED OF THEFT.—At the Fort Police Court, yesterday, before the Senior Magistrate, a man named Gopal Wullubjee was fined fifty rupees, with the alternative of a month's imprisonment, for having in his possession an embroidered skull cap, reasonably suspected of being stolen.

GAMBLING.—At the Girgaum Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Nana Morojee, two Portuguese were charged with gaming with dice and money in a public place. They pleaded guilty to the charge. The first was fined seven rupees, or, in default, to undergo a fortnight's rigorous imprisonment, and the second three rupees, with the alternative of a week's simple imprisonment.

NEW PLEADERS.—The Judges of the High Court have issued sunnuds to Messrs. Choonilal Oomedram, Trimbukrai Harkissonrai, and Lalubhai Trikamdas, authorising them to practise as pleaders at Surat; Mr. Govind Luxmon at Tanna, and Messrs. Moro Pandoorung, and Shreedhur Vishnoo Ranade, at Sattara.

KULLADGHEE LOCAL FUNDS.—From the annual report of the administration of local funds of the Kulladghee collectorate for the year 1870-71, we see that the total available receipts and expenditure incurred during the year under report amounted to Rs. 1,69,414-13-0 and Rs. 65,585-9-10 respectively, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,03,829-3-2 on the 31st March 1871.

CHARGE OF BRIBERY AGAINST A RAILWAY POLICEMAN.—Shaik Cassum Condajee, a policeman in the employ of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company, was charged before Mr. Nana Morojee, yesterday, with having received a bribe of four annas from one Chuttrabhoy Jothram. The magistrate, on the evidence, found the prisoner guilty, and fined him Rs. 15.

MORTUARY RETURNS.—The total number of deaths registered during the week ending Tuesday, the 23rd April, was 421, being 17 less than in the preceding week, 58 more than the total of the week ending 25th April 1871, and 81 more than the mean of the corresponding period in the previous five years. During the week 232 births were reported in the different districts of the city.

STATEMENT OF SILVER BALANCE IN THE MINT.—Value of silver in the Mint on the morning of the 15th April 1872, Rs. 2,36,04,379; add silver received during the week, Rs. 25,81,535; deduct new coin paid during the week, Rs. 15,98,000; total balance, Rs. 2,45,87,914. There are in addition 84,50,587 rupees' worth of silver bullion belonging to private individuals deposited in the Mint vaults, and awaiting assay.

TWO MENDICANT ROGUES.—The other day a Maratha named Purga Dhondee gave information to the police that one day last week two men of the Waghree caste came to his house for the purpose of asking alms. He went to take some money in a room, and on his return found that the waghrees were not there. Shortly afterwards he found a silver ornament missing from his child's person. The police has succeeded in arresting one of the offenders.

THE RESULT OF THE SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST AN ATTORNEY OF THE HIGH COURT.—At the High Court yesterday, Mr. Edward Elliott, who was ordered to answer certain charges affecting his character as an attorney did not appear, and Chief Justice Westropp, after detailing the delinquencies of which Mr. Elliott had been guilty, ordered Mr. Elliott's name to be struck off the list of attorneys of the High Court, and remarked that during his experience at the Supreme Court and the High Court no attorney had been struck off the roll except on his own application or at his own desire.

ARREST OF A MURDERER.—On Wednesday, a man named Jingoo was apprehended by the police on a charge of having murdered a Mussulman woman named Rehmee. It appears that Jingoo was living in jungle somewhere near Mahableshwer, and the woman, who was in his care, lived at Mahableshwer. She used to go to her paramour every day taking with her his *khana*. One day during the last Moharrum, Rehmee went as usual to the accused, and as she did not return till little late at night, anxieties were felt about her safety. Search was made for her, and her body was found concealed under a rock somewhere near Mahableshwer. The body was covered with a sheet, which, from enquiries, turned out to be the property of the murderer. It appeared that the man had committed this horrible crime for the sake of some ornaments which she had on her person at the time. The matter was reported to the police in Bombay, and the murdered was arrested on Wednesday.

HIGH COURT.—26TH APRIL.

(Before the Hon. Sir CHARLES SARGENT.)

LONG CAUSES.

363-71—Mr. Judge—Memon Abba Tharia v. Memon Soolamon Soomar—Craigie, Lynch, and Owen.

601-71—Craigie, Lynch, and Owen—Memon Soolamon Soomar v. Memon Abba Thara—Judge.

498-71—Mr. Judge—Mirza Mahomed Sally Khan v. Morarjee Cursondass—Manisty and Fletcher.

130-71—Manisty and Fletcher—Morarjee Cursondass v. Mirza Mahomed Sally Khan, &c.—Mr. Judge.

375-71—Shapoorjee and Thakurdas—Ruttonsey Punchan v. Charles Saunders—Manisty and Fletcher.

387-71—Craigie, Lynch, and Owen—Richard Latham and others v. George Mackie—No appearance.

401-71—Jefferson and Payne—Ganbildas Lalubhoy v. Arthur Travers Crawford—Leathes and Crawford.

415-71—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Hurgopall Premsookdas and another v. Hurryvullubdas Culliandas—No appearance.

419-71—Shapoorjee and Thakurdas—Soonderdas Mooljee and another v. Bace Jasoda—No appearance.

425-71—Jefferson and Payne—Kursondas Muddonjee v. Hajee Tyeb Hajee Remtoolla—Macfarlane and Skipsey.

437-71—J. Cleary—Thacker Gomersey Ludha v. Jacob Jumal—Manisty and Fletcher.

305-71—J. Gopall Luxumibai, widow, v. Khessoram Bapujee and another—Macfarlane and Skipsey.

331-71—Mr. Hearn—The Secretary of State for India v. Hajee Essa Hajee Fudla—Macfarlane and Skipsey.

TO BE REFERRED TO ARBITRATION.

897-70—Rimington, Hove, and Langley—Lalla Khuma and another v. Mahomed Ally and another—Dallas and Lynch.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice BAYLEY.)

GENERAL MOTIONS.

205-71—Manisty and Fletcher—Jamsetjee Aderjee v. Nowrojee Burjorjee—Pestonjee Dinshaw.

SHIPPING ITEMS.

THE S.S. BERAR, 740 tons, Captain H. Bethell, will sail to-day for Liverpool, via the Suez Canal, with a cargo of 2,699 bales cotton, 143 bales wool, 700 cwts. linseed, 892 cwts. galls, 35 bales hemp, 15 bales rags; and Mr. G. Steuart as a passenger.

THE P. AND O. CO.'S S.S. COLUMBIAN, 1,182 tons, Captain W. C. Angore, arrived yesterday from Hongkong (April 4th), with a general cargo, and the following passengers:—From Singapore—Mr. and Mrs. G. Barocha, two daughters, and infant, Mr. E. G. Cabral, and Mr. A. Russell. From Penang—One native.

THE following passengers proceeded by the steamer Cella to Liverpool to-day:—Mrs. Murray, four Misses Murray, Captain Eardley Wilmot, Mr. and Mrs. Woods and five children, Mr. Woods, junior, Mrs. G. E. Ward, five children and two ayahs, Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lennox and child, Mr. R. Findlay, Dr. Playfair, Dr. Anderson, and Mrs. Roweroft, two infantes, and two ayahs.

STATE OF THE TIDE AT BOMBAY.

HIGH WATER. Time.	HIGH WATER. Height.	APRIL—MAY.	LOW WATER. Time.	LOW WATER. Height.
H. M.	FT. IN.		H. M.	FT. IN.
0 27 m	5 10	Friday 26	6 55 m	8 9
1 23 m	7 2		7 33 a	3 11
1 5 m	5 4	Saturday..... 27	7 31 m	8 5
2 18 a	6 8		8 10 a	3 1
1 49 m	4 5	Sunday 28	8 18 m	7 5
3 7 a	5 8		9 5 a	2 3
2 41 m	3 4	Monday..... 29	9 10 m	6 1
4 6 a	4 8		10 11 a	1 8
3 48 m	2 5	Tuesday..... 30	10 17 m	4 10
5 18 a	4 1		11 36 a	1 10
5 23 m	1 10	Wednesday ... 1	11 48 m	3 11
6 39 a	4 1		.....	.....
7 11 m	2 1	Thursday 2	1 12 m	2 7
7 54 a	4 6		1 18 a	3 6

MOON—Last Quarter, 30th, 1h. 11m. P.M.

INSOLVENTS.

THE petitions of the several persons hereunder named and described have been presented to the Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, Bombay, praying respectively for the benefit of the Act made and passed in the Eleventh year of Victoria, Chapter XXI.:—

Assaria Ludha, Shamjee Bhimsey, and Purbut Poonsey, who lately traded as general merchants under the name and firm of Getta Molljee and Co.

Atmaram Ragoonath, an English writer, now unemployed.

Hemrao Bhanjee, unemployed.

Premchund Motichund, a broker.

Memon Cosman Salay Mahomed, formerly a dealer in oil, now onion-seller.

Tarra woman, and Wishnoo Bhicoo, the first-named insolvent is a courtezan, and the second unemployed.

Jose Gonsalo Fernandes, a pensioner.

Hurrydas Jairam, a dealer in cloth.

Aga Syed Mahomed Beebanee, a merchant.

Etuljee Ardaseer, formerly a clerk, as present unemployed.

Richard Codd, a pensioner, and a guard in the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company.

Raghmonjee Damjee and Feerjee Damjee, who lately traded as dealers in gunny bags, under the name and firm of Raghmonjee Damjee.

Shaik Sedoo Rumgoo and his wife Russolbaee, the first-named insolvent is a barber, and the second unemployed.

Bhowanishunker Damodhur, an English writer.

Khimjee Ladun, a metta.

Henry Richard Wilcox, a Civil Engineer and architect.

Narayen Bhickajee, a contractor.

Forest Loudon Brown, bill and exchange broker.

Babajee Narayenjee, a turban-folder.

Dost Mahomed Sullamon, a jemadar in the Railway Company of Bombay.

Manockjee Dossabhoy, an English writer, unemployed.

Balkrusthna Hurrychund, a pensioner, and an extra clerk in the Accountant General's Office.

Curson Bhanjee, a cotton merchant.

Manockjee Eduljee, a watch-maker.

Sorabjee Jeewanjee Nowsarina, a cook.

Limjeebhoy Eduljee, an English writer.

Narrayen Ramjee, Belloo Pandoo, Dajee Bapoo, Shreeputtee Gunnoo, the first-named insolvent is a dealer in sand, the second and fourth are labourers, and the third is a peon.

Gumall Ebrahim and Dhadha Ebrahim, dealers in cloth.

Esmail Hoosein and Tyeb Hoossein, dealers in antimony.

Marooba bin Marooba, a butcher.

James Morris, a confectioner.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.

THE following Season Reports for the fortnight ending Wednesday are published in the *Government Gazette*:—

Ahmedabad, 23rd April—First week cloudy with lightning and thunder, ending with little rain. Wheat 11½. Bajree 13½ kilogrammes.

Kaira, 23rd—Cotton almost picked. Rice 6¾ seers; bajree 14.

Broach, 24th—Harvest reaped. Bajree 14 seers. Weather hot.

Surat, 24th—No late crops in fields. Wheat 7¾ seers.

Tanna, 23rd—Weather hot. Rice 7 seers, bajree 11, wheat 9.

Colaba, 22nd—Rabbi almost reaped. Cotton prospects middling. Rice 9·6 seers at Alibaug.

Khandeish, 24th—Weather cloudy. A little rain in all talookas. Bajree 13 seers.

Nassick, 24th—Rain 25 cents. Bajree 11 seers, rice 8¾. Weather hot.

Ahmednuggur, 24th—Rain 77 cents. Bajree 11·3 seers.

Belgaum, 24th—Rain 74 cents. Jowaree 16 seers.

Poona, 24th—Rain 55 cents. Climate hot. Bajree 9 seers. Cotton not satisfactory.

Sholapore, 24th—No rain. Very hot. Jowaree 18·778.

Sattara, 24th—Rain 44 cents. Bajree 11½ seers.

Kulladghee, 23rd—Rain 1 inch 12 cents. Crops reaped. Jowaree 15 seers.

Rutnagherry, 19th—Moong, coreed, and other crops reaped. Some damage done owing to slight fall of rain, and cloudy weather. Rice 7 seers 15 tolas.

Canara, 24th—Rain at Hulliaul favourable to crops. Rice 11 seers.

Dharwar, 24th—Rain 20 cents. Cotton-picking complete, out-turn middling. Ground being prepared for sowing of early crops. Jowaree 19·7 seers.

Kurrachee, 23rd—Rain none. Rubbi harvest continues. Preparations for next kurreef being made. Wheat 11 seers, rice 7½ seers.

Hydrabad, 23rd—No rain, but stormy, unsettled weather. Districts healthy. Rubbee reaping nearly over. River 8 feet above zero. High for period. Prices the same, abundance prevails.

Shikarpore, 23rd—Rubbee being harvested. Wheat 1,360 tolas.

Upper Frontier, 23rd—Rain 13 cents. Grain above 10 seers. Rubbee crops being reaped. Cotton-picking continues. Hot weather setting fast.

Rajcote, 24th—Late crops gathered. Cotton-picking completed. Bajree 10 seers.

Guzerat, 24th—Cotton-growing almost finished. Grain prices reasonable. Water somewhat scarce. Weather hot.

Khandeish, 24th—Hail and rain storms on 14th and 15th. Cotton supply nearly exhausted. Bajree 15, jowaree 7.

S. M. Country, 24th—Thunder-showers frequent. Cotton business active.

Sind, 24th—No rain except in Upper Frontier. Preparations making for next cotton crop generally throughout province.

INDIAN ITEMS.

Rs. 86,150 have been sanctioned for the cost of works at the Junction Station, Raichore.

THE Thakoor of Wudhwan has given a sum of Rs. 15,000 for a school and library in his territory.

GRANT OF A JAGHIR.—The Government has granted a jaghir, value Rs. 2,303 per annum, to Subadar-Major Halib Khan, of the 1st Punjab Infantry, on his retirement from the service. The grant is said to be made in consideration of his long, faithful, and distinguished services; but at the same time he has to resign all claims to any pension.—*Englishman.*

MR. NEWTON appeared in the High Court last Thursday before the Chief Justice, and presented the order of Her Majesty restoring him to the Bar. The Chief Justice directed the Registrar to pass the necessary order.—*Pioneer.*

HEAR! HEAR!—The *Gazette* of the Oudh Government announces itself as published at "Lacknow," and wherever the name of the capital of the province occurs it is called "Lacknow." The time table of the Oudh and the Rohilcund Railway also appears with "Lacknow" in its list of stations, so we suppose the blunder has been made "by order" and on purpose. But will Dr. Hunter, or the *Englishman*, or Sir George Couper, or the Directors of the Oudh and Rohilcund Railway, tell us how they arrived at so very infelicitous a solution of the uniformity dilemma? The people who spell Lakhnau in that way have probably something to say for themselves, but Lacknow is simply absurd.—*Ibid.*

VAGABONDS DEPORTED FROM KATTYWAR TO KURRACHEE.—The other day a country craft from Joria Bunder brought 13 notorious vagabonds in charge of a police guard, from the Kattywar State, whom the Political Agent there considered necessary to transport to another quarter of the globe. And did the agent fancy to himself that the robbers of Sind required any education to advance them in their profession? He will no doubt be surprised to learn that the magistrate of the Kurrachee district released the beauties he sent, as he had had no power to deal with them, they being inhabitants of a foreign State.—*Sindian.*

THE SIND GAZETTEER.—It is upwards of three years, we think, since the preparation of a *Gazetteer* for Sind was taken in hand. Mr. William Wells, the mathematician, undertook the task, and on the eve of his departure on furlough, a couple of years ago, Mr. A. W. Hughes, the Inspector for Cotton in side, took over the work. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Hughes obtained a furlough for 15 months, and, evidently, in the absence of one next to him in competency, carried with him all the materials necessary for the compilation of the *Gazetteer*, receiving for his labour Rs. 100 a month. The work is not completed yet, and, in common with others, we are curious to know when it is likely to see the light of day. We would draw the attention of the Commissioner in Sind to the subject.—*Ibid.*

HEAVY RAIN AT BEYPOOR.—A correspondent writes to us from Beypoor to say that there has been heavy rain at that place accompanied by much thunder and lightning. He says that such storms have been frequent for the last week between Palghaut and Beypoor. That part of the country is thoroughly soaked.—*Madras Times.*

HOW NOT TO DO IT.—The admirable system of check and countercheck under which Indian railways are managed is beautifully illustrated by a thing that has just happended to the Madras Railway. The railway of course has Company's Engineers and Government Engineers, and nothing can be done without an "Order thereon." Well, the Company are building a new terminus, and the plans for the construction of new arrival and departure platforms of course ran the gauntlet of Railway Engineer, Consulting Engineer, etc., etc., and the work has been prosecuted with all convenient despatch. Only when the platforms were about finished does it seem to have occurred to those concerned to see whether the platforms were suitable to the carriages intended to use them. Happy thought! a carriage was brought to the new station, and lo! its doors would not be opened, as the ledge of the platform was too high! The result is that the permanent way has to be raised with a gradient in order that the doors of the carriages may be brought above the ledge of the platform sufficiently to allow of their being opened. We call this rather a pretty specimen of the art of how not to do it.—*Ibid.*

THE CHOLERA IN THE NORT-WEST.

THE cholera appears to be subsiding somewhat in Jounpore and most of the adjoining districts. The daily deaths in Jounpore, from the 10th to the 17th instant (inclusive), ran as follows:—206, 261, 247, 213, 265, 237, 273, 142. In the Allahabad district the account, from the 10th to the 18th (inclusive), is—58, 91, 103, 101, 10, 91, 65, 88, 31. The deaths in Azimgurh and Benares from cholera have never been numerous, and are now fewer. It is only at Mirzapore that the latest report is the worst, and even there the disease is not very fatal, the last (and highest) daily mortality having been only 14. With a very few exceptions, all the deaths have hitherto been on the north or Jounpore side of the Ganges. A curious illustration of the

large, that the tax is not unpopular. In this district the tax is disliked, not only by the persons who ultimately pay it, but also by those who, after assessment, obtain remission at last with considerable trouble, and also by those men who are never actually assessed, but who expend considerable sums in fees to pargunna and village accountants and other subordinate officials, to save themselves from being mentioned to the tahsildar or collector for entry in the assessment rolls."

The Collector of Mynpooree says :—

"It will not probably be saying anything the Board do not know already, when I remark that the tax is a very unpopular one. Europeans are more or less accustomed to it, but natives have a peculiar dislike to all direct taxation, and especially to a tax of this description, which is not universal, but falls on some, while others, but slightly differing in means, escape. The inevitable and immediate result of all inquiry, with a view to the administration of the law, is an unblushing course of deception by those coming within its operation. There are honourable exceptions of course, but the rule is what I have stated, and evasion and deception, with a view to escape, is not considered dishonourable in any way to those who practise it.

"In such light is the tax regarded that influencial and thoroughly-respectable persons draw back from rendering any assistance to the assessing officers, unless great pleasure is brought to bear, on account of the odium that attaches to those who are considered to betray their friends by giving information regarding their means."

The Collector of Gorukpoor says :—

"It is possible for a very painstaking tahsildar, possessed of some conscience and a great deal of *prestige* in his jurisdiction, so to keep his patwaris in hand that gross *rack-rent* misassessments be not made—i.e., that if Loonan, Banian, has (repotedly) three times or four times the income of certain others, say, Roushan, and Pabbaru, and Sital Pershad, then that Loonan shall be assessed, say, twice or thrice higher than the three others, and not less than them, as constantly happens where the patwari is not look'd after.

"Much more accuracy than this I do *not* believe in. Any amount of figures can be cooked up by a wealthy mahajun, and a *rechauffe* can be made thereof by a collector or deputy collector.

"Few officers, I imagine, have any faith in such figures. For my own part, I candidly confess I have none whatever in nine cases out of ten where *bubes* are produced, and in the tenth there is generally some fundamental omission which vitiates all deductions.

"It comes, then, to this: that the tax is of the nature of a *benevolence* or *aid*, and that the collector is the almost irresponsible estimator and fixer of the quota which each man has to pay."

These extracts show very clearly the difficulties that beset district officers when making assessments to this tax, and the worthlessness of the implements they are compelled to use, and how impossible it is for them, few in number as they are, to prevent the bribery and corruption that goes on.

But over and above this bribery and corruption, which the district officers are powerless to prevent, there are many other very serious and grave objections to the tax, which would remain unaffected by any alteration in the taxable limit, or any change in the time of year the assessments are made, and which would not be removed by making the tax a permanent one.

It seems to me that latterly we have fixed our attention so exclusively on the bribery and corruption, the oppression and extortion, that are inseparable from this tax, that we have allowed those other evil consequences attended on it, grave and important though they are, to drop in some degree out of sight. I shall therefore notice a few of these. I shall do so very briefly, as I have no desire to weary the Council, and to protract unnecessarily this already lengthy debate.

First of all, then, the tax is, from its inquisitorial character, the form of taxation most disliked and detested by the natives of this country. They all dislike, with an intensity we have no conception of, to make known the amount or the sources of their incomes, and the inquiries that have to be made to ascertain this are most distasteful to them. This feeling is peculiarly strong among the trading classes. Its existence is so well known, and the impolicy and danger of running counter to it is so thoroughly understood by all native rulers, that there is no instance on record of any native Government having resorted to a general income-tax, although they have at one time or another imposed almost every other conceivable form of taxation on their subjects.

I think, my Lord, that this general and strong feeling of dislike to this form of taxation on the part of the people of this country, about which there is no doubt, and which I have never heard the most thorough-going advocate of the tax attempt to deny, is of itself a sufficient and unanswerable argument against the imposition of the tax by a Government situated as ours is.

Again, the assessments to the tax are in this country pure guesswork from first to last—guesswork based on information which is known to be worthless. The argument that an income-tax falls with equal pressure on all who come within its scope—that by it persons who would not otherwise contribute towards the cost of the Government under whose protection they live are made to pay a fair and equal proportion of their incomes, whatever may be its worth (and I have not much opinion of it myself)—applies in this country only to fundholders and to person holding appointments, the salaries of which are known. The assessments on the mass of the people are pure guesswork, and can be reduced to no fixed percentage on incomes whatever. They are simply based on estimates made by the district officers on the amount of individual incomes from such information as they can collect, but are made on no reliable data whatever, simply because it is impossible to get any. The tax consequently falls heavily on some, lightly on others, while some get off altogether, but very few men actually pay one per cent. on their real incomes, and the tax is really what it was styled in the extract I read out from the report of the Collector of Gorukpoor, a "benevolence" or "aid" extorted from the people. It has no pretension whatever in this country to be called an income-tax in the meaning really attached to those words.

Again, the imposition of this tax on the interest of the Government debt is regarded by every native throughout the country as a direct breach of faith on the part of Government. Once, and once again, when the tax was first put on, natives came to me with their Government notes, saying, "Look here, in this the Government distinctly promises to pay me Rs. 50 a year for every Rs. 1,000 they have borrowed of me. I send my note to the treasury, and get only Rs. 48. How do I know that next year something more may not be cut, and eventually they may perhaps pay me nothing at all?" Our credit in this country has thus been very seriously damaged by this tax. I have no doubt that the Hon. Sir R. Temple will presently tell the Council that the price of the Government securities was never so high as it is at present, and that this fact is scarcely compatible with the damaged credit. I reply to this that the prices now ruling are solely due to investments in England, and that this fact does not in any way affect the truth of what I have just said. I find from a statement I obtained from the Financial Department, that of the whole debt due by India, only 16 millions are held by natives of this country, and of this sum only 3½ millions are held by natives out of the three presidency towns; if we deduct from this the sums invested by native princes, some of whom pride themselves in lending money to the Government, and the sums invested by persons who are obliged to give security in Government paper for the due performance of contracts or for the proper discharge of the duties of offices held by them, the balance in the hands of the general public will be very small, and small as it is, this amount is, I believe, diminishing every day. Lord Macaulay in one of his essays boasts that such was the confidence felt in former days by the people of this country in the good faith of the Company, that the Government had only to open their treasuries throughout the country, with the promise of a small rate of interest, to obtain any amount of money they wanted, while the native princes were unable to obtain a rupee on loan from their subjects, although they offered fabulous rates of interest. If he were writing now, he would have to modify these expressions very considerably. I believe that if a loan were now opened in India, and confined to natives, the amount of subscriptions offered would be very trifling. I charge the income-tax with this.

Lastly, the income-tax has brought a most unfortunate change in the relations hitherto existing between the district officers and the people. Formerly the district officer was looked upon as the friend of all, the man to whom all might go for assistance and advice, and whose advent, when out on tour in the cold weather, was everywhere welcomed: all this is changed now; the district officer is beginning to be looked upon as the common foe, as the tax-gatherer whom all should shun, and to whom no information that can by any possibility be withheld should be given; in short, as the amil or the chukladar of a native Government. With reference to this, I will read extracts from the following reports :—

The Officiating Collector of Allahabad says :—

"The utter absence of any trustworthy data on which to estimate the income of a petty trader who keeps no accounts, and the all but impossibility of obtaining any information about his business and his habits, except from his enemies, render the proper assessment of this tax, in the majority of instances, simply impossible. In many instances, no doubt, a fair estimate of income is arrived at, but there must be numerous cases in which it is very far from correct.

"I speak from a large experience of the working of the tax under its various disguises of certificate-tax, &c., and I have been unable to change the opinion I formed of it during the first year of its revival, and that is, that the tax is a good one for officials, companies, and large firms, whose means are easily ascertained, but that, in other cases, the objections to it increase in proportion as the limit of taxable income is lowered."

The Officiating Collector of Saharunpoor says :—

"But there never was such unsatisfactory work as the assessment of an income-tax in India. I have, in my former reports, expressed my opinion freely against the tax, and the more I see of it the more convinced I am of its unsuitability to this country, and of the impossibility of assessing it justly. It is a tax which has been truly described as 'odious to the people and to the officers who have to assess it.' It is not only a mistake financially, but it is a mistake politically: it keeps up discontent and irritation among the people; it is demoralising to the subordinate officials who assist us to assessing it, &c.; worst, perhaps, of all, it weakens our administration, and lessens our power for doing good, by undermining and destroying the influence of our district officers. The same people who many years ago used to crowd round and delight to talk to a district officer when he visited their villages now distrust him, and fly from him because he is a tax-collector. A district officer can hardly ask a question from a native now without exciting the suspicion that he is trying to worm out some information about his or his neighbour's income. It is our duty unfortunately, as servants of Government, to assess this tax. But still it is also our duty to protest as loudly as we can against it—to point out the evils attending it—in the hope that some day the Supreme Government may listen to us, and may be convinced that the tax is not one which is suited to India."

The Officiating Commissioner of the Meerut Division says :—

"The Collector's remark regarding the unpopularity of the tax and of its injurious influence in tampering with the loyalty of the people is only an echo of the opinion of every district officer with whom I have spoken on the subject. There cannot be a shadow of a doubt as to the truth of Mr. Jenkinson's remarks, and I would observe that no one is in a better position to pronounce on such a subject than a district officer, who is constantly in intercourse with the people of his district.

"It is not fair to discredit the unpopularity of the tax, simply because the provisions of the Act are carried out. The people see the utter uselessness of opposition, and district officers feel their own helplessness. The position of the district officer is rendered a most odious one, and the affection and goodwill of the people are alienated. It would be hard to sum up the indirect evil thus caused by the estrangement between the governed and the rulers, but it is an estrangement which creates many difficulties, not only in ordinary intercourse, but also in the collection of information on any new subject."

I believe that what is said in these extracts will be confirmed by every district officer who has been in the habit of associating freely with the people; they all feel the charge, and lament it.

To illustrate my meaning I will give two instances, out of dozens that I might quote, that have occurred lately.

When Lord Mayo went up-country the stud stallions were called in at one of the stations he stopped at to be shown to him. The zemindars in whose charge they were came in wretchedly dressed. The stud officer told them that they were about to see the Viceroy, and that they ought therefore to come in their best clothes. They replied, "Yes, we know that, but the Collector Sahib will be present too, and if we dress ourselves well, he is certain to put us down for the income-tax."

A Deputy Commissioner in one of the non-regulation provinces a short time ago, when on his cold-weather tour, came to a town celebrated in that part of the country for its manufactures of brass utensils. The main bazaar is one long line of workshops, where, as the native say, the sound of the hammer is heard day and night: this is one of the sights of those parts. Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner said he would ride down and see the people at work. When he got to the town, he found every shop closed, and all work stopped. On inquiry he found that the people thought he was coming to make some inquiries relating to the income. Accordingly they thought the best way to treat him was to act as they had been accustomed to do towards the chukladar under the native rule, and shut up their shops.

Now, when we recollect that in the Mofussil the district officer is in the eyes of the people the representative of the British Government—in fact, the British Government itself—this change in their feelings towards him indicates motives for very serious thought, on which, however, I will not enlarge now.

I affirm then, my Lord, without fear of contradiction that this tax is of all forms of taxation that can be desired the one most disliked and detested by the people of this country; that its assessment is everywhere attended by bribery and corruption, and, when the limit is low, by extortion and oppression as well; that the assessments, when made, are pure guesswork; that it has caused widespread discontent and disaffection; that it has seriously damaged our credit in this country; that it has brought about a change in the feelings of the people towards the district officer which is fraught with evil consequences.

I have no doubt that I shall be told presently by the Hon'ble Mr. Ellis, as he has told me on one or two occasions previously, that of the evils I have charged against the tax some are imaginary, and some are too highly coloured, and that those that do exist are owing to mal-administration on the part of the officer charged with the assessment of the tax. Now, I would assure your Lordship that this is a grievous mistake. I affirm that this bribery and corruption will go on in spite of the strenuous efforts of the district officer to prevent them, and that there is no remedy for this as long as the tax has to be assessed by a few English officers on the vast population of this country. I maintain that if the district officers had not been men unsurpassed by the members of any service in the world for their devotion and zeal in the discharge of their duties, and for their unsparing self-sacrifice in their efforts to protect the people from extortion and wrong, the difficulties which now attend the assessment and collection of this tax would have been far greater than they have been, and the discontent engendered by it would have been more general, and the bribery and corruption far worse.

We impose an impossible task on our officers when we order them to assess this tax, and tell them at the same time to prevent the bribery and corruption which are inseparable from its assessment in this country; and when they fail, as they must do, it is unfair to attribute this failure to any neglect or supineness on their parts.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor said that he would certainly not commit himself in expressing an opinion, one way or the other, in regard to the income-tax. After having listened, on the one hand, to the moderate, clear telling, and, what he must call, one of the best speeches in the course of the debate, from his hon'ble friend Mr. Robinson, he felt some fear in committing himself to a vote against the tax, while it was very obvious on the other hand that money would have to be raised in some way or another. He quite admitted that the tax was open to most of the objections which had been mentioned, but the fact remained that money must be raised. He would also admit that it was quite fair that in the incidence of a tax of this kind a distinction ought to be drawn between property and income. What he would urge was that if the tax was to be imposed at all, its administration should be left in the hands of the local Governments. He would take this opportunity of saying that the cry of excessive taxation which had of late been raised, was, in his opinion, utterly unfounded. Bengal, of all the provinces in India, and, he might add, in the world, was the most lightly taxed, while the benefits it received bore no comparison whatever with the taxes it had to bear, paying for them in fact in an almost infinitesimal degree. In fact, so far from taking anything burden-some from the land, the Government had, through its dealings with this province, created an enormous and valuable landed property, the revenue paid by the zamindars being out of all proportion to the value of the land held by them. Even in the most heavily taxed district (Burdwan), the returns made show, that the value of the land was at least four times in proportion to the revenue paid, and in many places it was as much as eight times as high. If that be so, he thought it might be safely said that the annual revenue which we have created in favour of the holders of land in Bengal was certainly more than twenty millions sterling, and approached more nearly to forty millions sterling a year. With regard to the opium-revenue, he did not for one moment think that that revenue was derived from the people of Bengal. On the contrary, it was the very circumstance of the cultivation of opium in those districts which enriched them. What was then the real amount of taxation upon the people of this country—a population which he believed to be nearer 60 millions than 40 millions? It consisted of these heads. The duty upon salt (imperial) returned £3,65,000; excise (imperial) returned £700,000; customs returned £731,000; stamps returned £300,000, the largest amount under the head being derived from the Court Fees Act; income-tax returned £290,000, the items making a total of little over £5,000,000 of taxation, levied from 60 millions of population, or an average of 1s. 6d., or 12 annas, per head per annum. Now, was this taxation distributed? He would say that it was distributed in a manner which caused infinitesimally less evil upon the people than had been urged.

He would next allude to the item of excise. The revenue from spirit consumption was a very fair source of taxation, but at the same time he would say that in this country this revenue was also principally paid by the poorer classes, who unfortunately were much addicted to the consumption of something stronger than water, and he would repeat that the excise-revenue was mainly and almost entirely paid by the poorer classes.

He would next allude to customs duties. Of these duties an unduly large proportion was paid by the European community, the consequence being that the taxation imposed upon natives by means of the customs duties was infinitesimally small.

With reference to local taxation, His Honor would take leave to observe that it was by no means so hard and crushing a burden as it had been represented to be. With reference to what had been stated by an hon. member, that the local Governments had not been called upon to furnish a statement of local and municipal taxation, His Honor would, for his own part, state as representing the head of the local Government, that such returns he had called for, and that they were entirely at the disposal of the hon. member (Mr. Chapman). His Honor had further to state that no additional taxes had been imposed in Bengal, and as the figures he had in his hand were in a great measure correct, total taxation in Bengal consisted of the following items. The total amount was very insignificant, the sum being Rs. 37,569. Another duty which fell upon a few zemindars for the purpose of carrying the local post yielded Rs. 2,47,219. With these exceptions there were no other local taxes imposed in any shape in the district.

With reference to municipal taxation he would furnish the following figures put in putting forth those figures, he would say that nearly three-fourths of the total was paid by the great city of Calcutta (inhabited by a large European community), Howrah, Allipoor, and the suburbs. Those places contributed the total sum of Rs. 33,28,926, whereas the whole of the rest of the native portions of the country pay no more than Rs. 11,32,838, of which Rs. 1,79,231 was derived from the toll fund, the real taxation amounting to not more than Rs. 9,53,107, or to £95 310. The local taxation in Bengal, excluding the abovenamed places, was as follows :—A one per cent. road cess yielded Rs. 37,000; the zemindari post tax returned Rs. 2,47,000, making a total of Rs. 284,788, this sum being the sum total of all except municipal taxation in the country. This was certainly most infinitesimal taxation, and the cry of "excessive taxation" most ill judged.

His Honor would now come to the taxation in particular towns. What would the Council think was the overwhelming amount of municipal taxation, which a town, Moorshedabad, from whence the cry had most loudly arisen, had to bear? The paltry sum of Rs. 21,612. Of all all the great towns in Bengal, Calcutta was undoubtedly most heavily taxed. It had a revenue of 27 lakhs of rupees taxation; Alipoor had a revenue of 3 lakhs, and Howarth of 14 lakhs a year. But when he took the great suburbs inhabited by natives, a great number of them well-to-do natives, he found that there were two Municipalities, the north and south suburban Municipalities. He found that the former yielded an annual return of Rs. 11,847; the latter Rs. 21,895 only. Patna yielded Rs. 51,287; and Dacca, Rs. 34,400.

Passing from this subject of municipal taxation, His Honor desired to say one word in support of the view of the hon'ble Mr. Robinson, that if the present bill was passed, the subject of the future imposition of the tax should be well considered in the course of the year. With reference to what his hon'ble friend had stated relative to the amount of revenue derived from land, His Honor was of opinion that the full rack-rent was taken from the land by native Governments. His Honor concluded with a few further general remarks on the duties of local Governments with reference to the administration of the tax.

General the Hon'ble H. W. Norman said that he was no friend to an income-tax in India, and that he would have been very glad if it were possible not to impose it during the ensuing year. An income-tax appeared to him very unsuited to India. It certainly opened a large door to frauds of every kind, and there would be abundant frauds committed by subordinate officials. They had also heard various other evils detailed, and most forcibly, by the Hon. Mr. Inglis. The question might be asked—"If the income-tax produces only one per cent., why do you retain a tax which is undoubtedly very unpopular, which is strongly opposed within these walls, and which must take up much of the valuable time of our officials?" The answer to that had been given by Sir Richard Temple. It was urged, first, that the Government was in a sort of a transitory state, and therefore it was difficult to abolish the tax, and re-impose it next year; the other reason was that without the income-tax there would be a deficit. Now, that being the case, he apprehended that no other course was open than the re-impose the tax, as with it they would have a moderate surplus of a quarter of a million. Therefore, unless it could be shown that the estimates of revenue were too small, or that they could retrench, he thought it necessary at present to re-impose the tax. It had not been seriously asserted that any items of revenue were underestimated.

(*To be continued.*)

THE GREAT BONAPARTIST CONSPIRACY.

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THE most cheerful politicians in France are, I think, certainly the Bonapartists. This arises partly from the fact that the kind of work in which they are engaged is thoroughly congenial to them, and partly because so much of it is done for them by other people. Then there is a kind of satisfaction in the *prestige* of being supposed to be engaged in a great and widely-spread conspiracy. Young and ardent Imperialists look knowing, and would give you to understand that they hold secret wires in their hands which they are only waiting for the opportune moment to pull. They seem to be constantly bursting with suppressed secrets. One feels instinctively that they have whole regiments at their disposal, that they are in daily correspondence in invisible ink with the most distinguished and little suspected Generals, that they are capable even of assuming the dress and undermining the principles of the members of the International—in fact, that there is no work of mystery and daring which these sanguine, gay, and enterprising young intriguers are not capable of. And yet the fate of the Napoleonic dynasty does not lie with them. I will endeavour to reveal to you the composition of that "great Bonapartist conspiracy" which seems to me to be increasing in its proportions every day, and the extent and ramifications of which render, in the eyes of most persons, its ultimate success almost a certainty. The object of the conspirators being, of course, an Imperialist restoration, the first necessity is so completely to split up and divide all other political parties as to cause them entirely to neutralize each other, and so practically to disappear. Take, for instance, the so-called Legitimists. How else can we account for the terrible split in their ranks which has arisen at the moment when union was the most necessary, if they do not desire the return of the Empire? As this schism is a new and important fact, I will enter a little into particulars. The stronghold of Legitimism, as your readers well know, is La Vendée and Brittany. In Angers there has for many years past been published a leading Legitimist organ, entitled *L'Union de l'Ouest*, the editor of which was M. Arthur de Cumont, a prominent member of the Right, and a strong ally and supporter of M. de Falloux, who was acknowledged as one of the leaders of the party. When the Comte de Chambord issued his ill-advised manifesto at Chambord, which did so much harm that its author may fairly be considered to belong to the "great Bonapartist conspiracy," the moderate and reasonable members of the party saw the danger into which the fanaticism of their chief was leading them, and the *Union de l'Ouest* adopted a tone as sensible as the exigencies of the case would permit, maintaining the flag merely as the abstract emblem of a principle, but not professing itself prepared to sacrifice all the hopes of the dynasty and the Monarchical interests of France to a colour. The fanatic Legitimists of these Western Provinces thereupon, in the intensity of their zeal to serve the cause of Imperialism by splitting their own party, started a rival paper, called the *Etoile*, the whole end and object of whose existence is to attack the *Union*. This vehement warfare between the two Legitimist organs is spreading, and has spread rapidly all over the country. Hence we have the Legitimist Right of the chamber fairly split into two, and the formation of a new *reunion*, consisting of about 18 members, who are too Legitimist to support the Comte de Paris, and not Legitimist enough to support the White Flag, and are, therefore, doing good to no one except the Imperialists, so that they may fairly be said to belong to "the great Bonapartist conspiracy." The extreme Right, or "*chevaux legers*," as they are called, weakened by this defection, and holding impossible principles, have lost that weight and influence which the united party formerly possessed, and they, too, having thus contrived ingeniously to put themselves in the position of being useful only to their enemies, form part of the same great conspiracy. As for the Orleanists, we all know that they have been conspirators from the beginning; in this respect they are almost as bad as the Government; indeed, one never knows which most to admire, the dexterity with which the Orleanists conspire against the Government, or the cunning with which the Government conspires against the Orleanists. The fact is, that both parties having apparently the interests of the Emperor at heart, have adopted this ingenious mode of conspiring in his favour; they form, therefore, two most important elements in the "great Bonapartist conspiracy." The moderate Republicans, or Left Centre, are always very powerful and influential members of this wide-spread and dangerous organization. They hold a sort of balance, which enables them always to tip their weight into the right scale whenever Imperial interests are imperilled. For instance, the "Lafrano Safety Law," which is a measure calculated to advance the interests of Imperialism by pretending to persecute it, but in reality leaving it alone, had its origin, and derives its support, from the Left Centre. Again, the very remarkable financial and economical policy which the Government originated, with the view of helping Imperialism by the force of contrast, could never have been carried but for the Left Centre, which has thus proved its indisputable claim to be ranked in the "great Bonapartist conspiracy." I need scarcely say that Gambetta is a leading conspirator, and often outdoes the President himself in his zeal for the cause. By a skilful manipulation of the party to which he belongs, he has completely destroyed the few elements of cohesion it formerly possessed. Perhaps the most brilliant service this dislocated party renders to Bonapartism is when by its disorderly conduct it brings the Chamber into disrepute with the country, threatens to resign *en masse*, calls loudly for a dissolution, in the hope thereby of precipitating elections in an Imperialist sense, and, in logical consistency with its principles, appeals to universal suffrage and a *plebiscite*. As for the Communists and Socialists, who form the only party remaining to be considered, they have always belonged to the conspiracy. The very name of the Government they are working to restore—"Imperial Democracy"—implies it; and, to give them their due, they are almost the only members of the great organization who do not pretend that they belong to some other conspiracy. I do not suppose that you could even get a single Minister of the present Government, and they are very scrupulous in regard to truth, to acknowledge that he was working for a restoration of the Empire, but the Reds of Belleville and Montmartre are not so particular; rather than this wretched sham, they openly say, let us have Napoleon back. Not being initiated into the arcana of the conspiracy, they do not perceive that the whole result of "this sham" is to make it easy for the Emperor to come back. Except the Bonapartists themselves, who are of no use at all to their cause, it will be seen from this that everybody else belongs to the "great Bonapartist conspiracy," and that they are all working with so much harmony, perseverance, and persistency for the common end that the more sanguine among them believe that it cannot much longer be delayed. I do not venture myself to give an opinion upon the matter, but I have thought it only fair to specify the parties engaged in this great work, so that if their efforts are ultimately successful they should not be deprived of the great credit which will then be their due.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROSPECTS OF GERMANY.

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MOMENTOUS as the immediate effects of Prince Bismarck's policy—the union of Germany, the readjustment of external power, and the defeat of internal foes—indisputably are, there is an ulterior consequence of that régime the indications of whose approach are daily becoming more apparent. There can be little doubt that the German Empire is at present, on the whole, steering in the right course both for its own benefit and without prejudice to its neighbours. As yet, however, the world has received little surety that this course will be persevered in. The recent history of Prussia has brought painfully under our notice the fact that the boasted Constitution of that country is capable of being twisted and turned by a resolute Minister in any way that may suit his ends. And as long as this state of things continues, as long as Government remains to all intents and purposes absolute, the creation of a strong military Power in the centre of Europe must remain a source of apprehension rather than of comfort. The Prussian Constitution has hardly been modified to such a degree since the period of the "conflict" as to destroy the possibility of a return of abuses; and the Prime Minister's declaration a few weeks ago, that, under certain circumstances, he would still "find it in him to rule against the will of a majority," is not calculated to allay apprehension.

It is plain that in a nation of as stable a character as the German, constitutional government is the surest safeguard of peace to its neighbours, and also the best foundation of internal welfare. To obtain such constitutional government the German people has long made strenuous efforts, without, however, achieving much of its ambition except on paper. Since the recent victorious wars Prussian influence has become paramount in the Empire, and it is Prussia which has in constitutional respects been numbered hitherto among the most backward of German States. Leaving out of account the personal inclinations of its rulers and their Ministers, the country's traditions and its history are based entirely on military enterprise, and its natural wealth has been drawn mainly from agriculture, which is still for the most part in the hands of a class of proprietor's whose interest and natural bent are opposed to constitutional progress. We may broadly divide the German people into two classes. On the one hand, there is the nobility, a large and powerful class, Conservative in its principles almost to a man, military in its leanings almost to the exclusion of any other calling, and cherishing traditions of past and visions of future martial glory. The influence of this class is the more potent since its special characteristics have hitherto been largely shared by the Crown. On the other hand, there are the Germans of whom we know many living all over the world, not exempt indeed from national failings, but eminently peaceful, honest, and possessing an unquestioned solidity of character. There are the men of letters and of commerce, amongst whom the Liberal principle is strong. The two classes have until recently been socially and politically divided by a strong barrier, and it is mainly owing to the force of public sentiment evinced in the late wars, and partly to the course of Prince Bismarck adopted in the Chamber, that the barrier has been partially withdrawn, and shows signs of falling altogether.

Notwithstanding the numerous aspersions cast upon the Liberals by their foes, their aspirations and demands are in reality limited only to such constitutional principles as the staunchest Tory among us would not consent to renounce. The Conservatives, on the other hand, have until quite recently possessed no independent ground to stand upon, and have recognized no principle but absolute obedience to the Crown, which they regarded as the fount of their privileges, and consequently entitled to their unshrinking support. The interests of these two dominant elements have been identical so long that separation would involve a social revolution. As long as Liberalism stood opposed to so overwhelming a force as the two combined, its chances were naturally poor. In what activity the old view of things is still preserved by Government, Prince Bismarck's recent speeches in the Upper House—the recognized heart and centre of Prussian Conservatism—and the comments passed upon the conduct of that Assembly by the official press, plainly denote. Prince Bismarck has on a former occasion been at pains to impress upon the First Chamber that it is not a House of Lords in the English sense of the word, but merely a House of Royal nominees. In his latest speeches he again calls its members in plain words to order. The Government considered the obnoxious Schools Inspection Bill indispensable, their obvious duty was to pass it. The *Provincial Correspondenz*, the most favoured of official prints, in a long article of unquestionably official character improves upon this text, using these words: —"According to natural presumption, the *à priori* claim was justified that that portion of the Legislature which is pre-eminently called to support the power and prestige of Government should not join the opponents of a bill laid before the Diet at the express desire of the King and designated by Government as an indispensable weapon of defence against dangerous schemes."

But, however little we may side with the Prussian Upper House, its attempt to assert an independent opinion is by no means an unhopeful sign for Germany. Apart from the consideration that whatever weakens its alliance with Government must be of benefit to the liberal principle, the emancipation of a party from servile subjection unquestionably marks an advance towards a state of balance between the rival parties, which is far preferable to the previous solidarity of one of them with the Crown, making a fair contest impossible, and securing to the Conservative party an unchallengeable monopoly of government.

Though Prince Bismarck has undoubtedly raised the Liberal party into credit, it would be a mistake to consider him a convert to its principles except in a very limited sense. In taking up the formerly neglected side he has rather used it to push to further lengths his own personal authority under Liberal colours, than jealous interference in the framing of the Constitution, and his prompt and decided veto on points of the most vital significance though claimed by an overwhelming majority, prove that he is still loth to part with any more power than he can strictly help. The history of Prince Bismarck's connection with the Liberal party is interesting in many respects. It began in a pet with the Conservatives, the forerunner of the present wider rupture. Some of our readers may remember the surprise with which Germany greeted the announcement of the then unnatural alliance Bismarck-Lasker, the union of supposed irreconcilable foes. The bargain having been struck, it was hardly possible that the union should not become closer from day to day. Familiarity did not in this instance breed contempt, but served to convince the Conservative Minister of the justice of many claims advanced by his new friends, which under the sway of class and party prejudices he had failed to detect. The brilliant display of public feeling by the Liberal classes in the great wars could not but elevate this nascent approbation into a sort of admiration, the effect of which the Prince declared in his well-known exclamation—evidencing his own surprise at the fact—that "every war had made more of a Liberal of him." It is impossible that the union bearing such fruit should not have involved some yielding of principle, but we are probably right in attributing its favour with the Prussian Premier mainly to the recognition of its practical merits. Having tried unpopular governments for some years with very unsatisfactory results, the creation of a powerful majority at his back must have appeared a most appreciable advantage to the Minister. The terms of the contract have also hitherto proved easy. The alliance split the Liberals in two, leaving the former foe of Government, the Progressists, in a decided minority, and uniting the national Liberals and Liberal Conservatives in overwhelming numbers in what is really a personal party of the Premier, whose allegiance to their chief has been pretty absolute, though they have been required to forego several favourite objects of ambition. The creation, first of the North German Confederation, and later of the German Empire, must also be taken into account as almost necessitating Prince Bismarck's propitiation of Liberal opinion, since only on that basis could the new institutions, by his own confession, hope to stand. The few important concessions made—such, for instance, as the privilege of free speech in Parliament—were created by that necessity, which was, however, turned to very little account by the Liberals. With this exception, constitutional progress has in substance been very small. Government was befriended in this respect by circumstances which removed for the time all constitutional questions into the background, by concentrating the efforts of the Empire on the creation of a strong central Government with the requisite administrative machinery, and on the suppression of Ultramontane opposition.

Though Prince Bismarck cannot expect to be looked upon as a Liberal, even though he has placed himself at the head of the Liberal party, it must be admitted that he has paved the way for the succession of constitutional government. It is not only by breaking up the old connection between Government and the Conservatives, nor by raising the Liberals to temporary ascendency, that he has achieved this object; it is chiefly and mainly by the very length to which he has pushed his personal government. To a statesman enjoying the popularity of Prince Bismarck there is little that a grateful country would not yield, but by his successes he has made the personality of government attach more to himself than to the Crown. There is no second man in Germany who can claim the same consideration from his own personal authority and Liberal colours, for jealous interference in the framing of the Constitution, and his prompt and decided veto on points of the most vital significance though claimed by an overwhelming majority, prove that he is still loth to part with any more power than he can strictly help. The history of Prince Bismarck's connection with the Liberal party is interesting in many respects. It began in a pet with the Conservatives, the forerunner of the present wider rupture. Some of our readers may remember the surprise with which Germany greeted the announcement of the then unnatural alliance Bismarck-Lasker, the union of supposed irreconcilable foes. The bargain having been struck, it was hardly possible that the union should not become closer from day to day. Familiarity did not in this instance breed contempt, but served to convince the Conservative Minister of the justice of many claims advanced by his new friends, which under the sway of class and party prejudices he had failed to detect. The brilliant display of public feeling by the Liberal classes in the great wars could not but elevate this nascent approbation into a sort of admiration, the effect of which the Prince declared in his well-known exclamation—evidencing his own surprise at the fact—that "every war had made more of a Liberal of him." It is impossible that the union bearing such fruit should not have involved some yielding of principle, but we are probably right in attributing its favour with the Prussian Premier mainly to the recognition of its practical merits. Having tried unpopular governments for some years with very unsatisfactory results, the creation of a powerful majority at his back must have appeared a most appreciable advantage to the Minister. The terms of the contract have also hitherto proved easy. The alliance split the Liberals in two, leaving the former foe of Government, the Progressists, in a decided minority, and uniting the national Liberals and Liberal Conservatives in overwhelming numbers in what is really a personal party of the Premier, whose allegiance to their chief has been pretty absolute, though they have been required to forego several favourite objects of ambition. The creation, first of the North German Confederation, and later of the German Empire, must also be taken into account as almost necessitating Prince Bismarck's propitiation of Liberal opinion, since only on that basis could the new institutions, by his own confession, hope to stand. The few important concessions made—such, for instance, as the privilege of free speech in Parliament—were created by that necessity, which was, however, turned to very little account by the Liberals. With this exception, constitutional progress has in substance been very small. Government was befriended in this respect by circumstances which removed for the time all constitutional questions into the background, by concentrating the efforts of the Empire on the creation of a strong central Government with the requisite administrative machinery, and on the suppression of Ultramontane opposition.

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